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#### Top job for waterways enthusiast

ABLACK Country waterways enthusiast has been named on the board of a new waterways advisory group.

Writer and broadcaster Graham Fisher MBE is a member of the trial Local Water Partnerships, which will belp with the management of canals and rivers in the West Midlands and North West.

These trial partnerships, alongside a third trial already underway on the Kennet & Avon Canal, will work with local waterway managers until the new waterways charity becomes fully operational in 2012.

Graham, of Kingswinford, was voted Inland Waterways Personality of the Year in 2005 and has been involved in areas from press and media to society chairmanships.

He was chair of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Society and received an MBE for services to the waterways.

Joining him on the board is Councillor David Caunt, former leader of Dudley Council from 2004 to 2009.

#### **Getting streetwise** with dance classes

DANCING stars of the future are invited to a new academy which launched in Dudley last month.

Dudley Street Dance Academy holds sessions for youngsters and adults on Monday (five to 11 year olds) and Wednesday evenings (adults). They are held weekly at Shelines Fitness Studio on Wolverhampton Street Tanya Anderson who must ton Street. Tanya Anderson, who runs Dudley-based Fierce Productionz has set up the academy.

Visit www.fierceproductionz.com for more information.

#### **Show is cancelled**

JIMMY Carr'a scheduled show at Dudley Concert Hall this week was cancelled. Stand-up comedian Carr had been due to perform yesterday (Wednesday) but the show has now been rescheduled for Thursday September 22. All ticket holders will be offered the choice of the new date or a full refund.

#### Revamp for old pool

THE Leasowes nature reserve in Halesowen will have an historic pool revamped with a £5,000 Awards For All lottery grant. The heart-shaped pool will be relined with puddling clay, a disabled access pond dipping platform built and aquatic pond planting carried out.

#### **Tumble drier blaze**

A TUMBLE drier sparked a fire in the flat above a Cradley Heath pub. Fire crews from Cradley Heath were called to The Waterfall in Waterfall Lane last Friday by the landlord. The fire was quickly extinguished by fire fighters but the kichen suffered smoke damage.





## ED JOBS LOST RM MOVES

TO 70 manufacturing jobs are being axed in Dudley after a bed maker announced that it is moving its

announced that it is moving its production to Kent.

Cumfilux, part of the Simmons Bedding Group, will stop making beds at its site in Netherton in three months. The shock news was broken to workers at the factory last week.

Managers at the firm, on the Hulbert Industrial Estate in Cinder Bank said the decision to transfer.

Bank, said the decision to transfer production to its factory in Rochester, Kent, had been made due to the "wors-ening retail environment".

eming retail environment".
They said a redundancy consulta-tion process was under way.
A statement issued by the firm said:
"Simmons Bedding Group, makers of Sleepeezee, Simmons, Cumfilux and Nestledown branded beds is to trans-fer production from its factory in Dudley to its factory in Rochester, Kent. The worsening retail environ-

ment which is unlikely to see any real improvement until 2013 has created the need for us to realign our business with prevailing market conditions. "The transfer of production to Rochester will take place on a phased basis over the next three months and deliveries and service to our retail customers will be unaffected."

A worker, who asked not be named, said there were between 60 and 70 people working at the Dudley factory.

#### **Busier**

"The amount of work had fallen earlier this year and we had gone down to four and three day weeks. There were also about 16 redundancies a couple of months ago. But we had gone back up to a five day week and things seemed to be busier."

Originally set up in the 1980sthe company employed nearly 250 people at its peak. It was later sold to Simmons and moved to its current base about 10 years ago.

#### Mary mapping out success



Cartographer Mary Spence – double success

A MAP designer from Kingswinford is cele-brating after scooping two prestigious awards

brating after scooping two prestigious awards at a recent ceremony.

Mary Spence MBE, of High Wood Close, staved off stiff competition, including from National Geographic, to win the Stanfords Award and the British Cartographic Society Award at a maps symposium in Macclesfield.

The awards were in honour of her map The Environmental World, an educational map which highlights influences on the environment from patural diseasers to pollution and

ment, from natural disasters to pollution and urbanisation.

urbanisation.

Mary combines her role as map designer for Global Mapping (UK) Ltd with her own publishing house, Sparrow Publishing. She said: "It is a great honour to win these awards in the face of such giants in the world of maps."

Mary was awarded the MBE for cartographic design in 2004.

#### Verges may get trim next spring

GRASS left overgrown because of spending cuts in Dudley could be cut again by the council. But residents will have to wait until next spring when the council's new budget has been drawn up. The council announced last summer it had stopped cutting grass on all steep banks to save £30,000. But this week the council said it was hoping to start cutting the verges again in the next financial year.

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Councillor Patrick Harley, cabinet member for transportation, said: "I think we should make the borough look as nice as we can. But the £30,000 would have to be saved alcowhere."

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#### Driver is warned that he faces jail

ATIPTON man who took a van without the owner's consent, drove while over the limit and was caught with wraps of cannabis has been warned he faces jail. Christian Bell, of Ocker Hill Road, pleaded guilty to taking a Suzuki Super Carrier without the owner's consent, driving with an alcohol level above the legal limit and possessing several

and possessing several wraps of cannabis.

The 25-year-old also admitted driving without third party insurance third party insurance and driving otherwise than in accordance with

than in accordance with a licence.
Miss Kelly Hale, prosecuting, told Warley Magistrates Court that police pulled Bell over after the van was reported stolen on June 2. A breath test found 86mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath. The legal limit is 35mg.
Officers found the cannabis on him.
Mr Andrew Chowdhury, defending, said Bell was first told he could borrow the van before the owner changed his mind. District Judge Michael Wheeler adjourned the

District Judge Michaeler adjourned the case for pre-sentence reports on June 13 but added: "I am not ruling out a custodial sentence."

Bell was bailed but dis-

qualified from driving until he appears for sen-tence on July 4.

## Caught on camera, the woman who took purse at hotel function

woman police are trying to trace in connection with a credit card theft at a Black

credit card theft at a Black Country hotel.
Police say they want help iden-tifying her after a woman's purse was stolen at the Copthorne Hotel function room, Brierley Hill, on April 15.
Acting Sgt Simon Watkins said they want anyone with informa-tion come forward and speak to officers

officers.
"CCTV footage from the hotel clearly shows a woman walking into the function room and taking a purse, containing cash and bank cards, from a bag," he said.

One of the bank cards stolen

was a Santander Visa card, which has subsequently been used to withdraw funds from the victim's account at a Santander branch in Oxford."

Police say the victim's purse also contained £30, her driving licence, an HSBC card, Halifax card and a Nectar card.

The CCTV image released shows a smartly dressed woman in a dark grey suit with dark rimmed glasses and dark brown shoulder-length hair. It is not known what type of event was taking place in the function room at the time of the theft.

No one from the Copthorne Hotel was available for comment. Dudley police are now appealing for anyone with information, or

who recognises the woman in the CCTV image, to come forward and speak to officers. Anyone with information can call Dudley police on 0345 113 5000, or Crimestoppers anony-mously on 0800 555 111.

#### Pensioner

In a separate incident police are also appealing for witnesses after a pensioner was assaulted and robbed of his wallet by four thugs in Dudley. The 68-year-old victim was approached as he walked near to Kenilworth Court, Russells Hall Estate, at approximately

Remiworth Court, Russens rian write stripe and either of Estate, at approximately 12.35am on May 22.

De Daniel Bailey of Dudley CID said: "Four offenders walked urged to contact Dudley CID.

up to the victim from behind a hedge and tackled him to the ground, causing minor facial injuries. "They also punched him to the face and ran off with his wallet

face and ran off with his wallet containing £45."
The victim said three of the robbers were roughly the same age – in their late tens – and height, around 5ft 5in, and wearing similar clothing including black woollen gloves.
One wore a light grey zipped hooded top, navy blue cotton sports trousers with a possible white stripe and either black trainers or white trainers with a black stripe.
Anyone with information is urged to contact Dudley CID.



## Fear on bid for homes at a haven for wildlife

PLANS to build new homes on the site of a Black Country haven" are likely to be approved despite dozens of objection letters.

Ideal Estates Limited has applied for permission to transform the former landfill site into a housing development. But people would be former landfill site into a housing development.

Ideal Estates Limited has applied for permission to transform the former landfill site into a housing development. But nearby residents fear it could endanger a rich and varied wealth of wildlife to be found living on the land. There are also concerns about waste buried under the 2.9 acre site becoming a danger to health. Residents say the site, the size of one and a half bottall pitches and off Bourne Street in Coseley, is home to a variety of birds such as bullfinches, woodpeckers and owls.

\*Cavalier' attitude man jailed\*

A SHED builder who punched a man in a Black Country pub and hit him with a bar stool has been jailed after doing just four hours of community service in four months.

Andrew Barker, aged 48, had received a suspended six. month prison sentence and was required to carry out 120 hours' unpaid work. But he treated the punishment with a "cavalier" attitude and made excuses. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard on June 15. The sentence was activated against Barker, of Russells Hall, Dudley.

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### Museum tours on heritage of glass

AMOSEUM is staging a about the gass maning series of tours to teach youngsters about the Black Country's glass blowers also give demonstrations of their art.

The Red House Glass Cone in Wordslev is offering selves are allowed to try heritage.

The Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley is offering

Led by a museum tour schools. guide, the students are encouraged to explore the is on offer, call 01384 cone and discover facts 815571.

A MUSEUM is staging a about the glass making

Cone in Wordsley is offering educational visits for pupils of all ages and abilities. Pupils can discover the Stourbridge Glass Quarter and try out glass making and glass art.

Atmosphere

Atmosphere schools." Students dress in Victo- rian costumes to recreate museums offer a range of the atmosphere of the time.

### It's lift-off for balloon race



Trustee Alastair Chapman and carer Trevor Grosvenor with, centre left, mayor's consort Sue and Dudley Mayor Councillor Michael Evans; back left, volunteer Vivien Smith, support workers Julie Farnsworth and Pat Hill, chief executive Peter Corbett and development manager Ann Evett

race and a cel-ebratory lunch helped to launch a new charity project in Stourbridge.

It offers extended day centre and home support services in the town. The Stour-

bridge Resource Centre of Thomas Pock-lington Trust was celebrating a £300.000

£300,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund. The trust, at the Mary Stevens Centre in Hagley Road, Oldswinford, is now looking for new volunteers.

teers. Development manager Ann Evett said the June 13 launch for the VIP Project, at the David Lloyd Leisure Club in Pensnett Road, Brierley Hill

#### Prison threat to thief of lead

METAL thief who ipped buildings Black Country, including a post office, of lead has

Black Country, including a post office, of lead has been given a suspended jail sentence.

Luke Mathew Power of Addenbrooke Court, Cradley Heath, had previously pleaded admitted two counts of theft to Warley Magistrates Court.

Prosecutor Marian Bibb told the court on June 15 that Description of the Old Hill Post Office, Halesowen Road, in Cradley Heath with his brother Adam Power at around 4am on May 11.

She said: "When police arrived they found the roof had been stripped of all its lead flashing.
"The two males were found nearby; both had dirty clothes and dirty hands from the flashing."

Adam Power was sen-

the flashing."
Adam Power was sen-

tenced to a community supervision order and told to pay £250 compensation.

Luke Power committed the

second theft from a house on Elbow Street in Cradley Heath in the early hours of May 26 whilst on bail for the first offence. Mr Harmail Gill, defending,

told the court: "He is the least experienced defendant and

experienced defendant and the most impressionable."
Magistrates sentenced Power to 14 weeks in jail, suspended for 12 months. He must pay £250 compensation and was made the sation and was made the subject of a 12-month supervision order.

#### **Security bid** as thieves hit old mill

AN HISTORIC former mill in Kidderminster set to house the town's carpet museum has become a magnet for vandals and thieves. Windows have been

smashed and lead torn from the roof of the Grade-II listed Stourvale Mill, in Green Street. Extra security is now in the

pipeline after attacks have taken their toll on the 19th century building. Kidderminster Carpet

Museum Trust plans to restore the site to create an attraction celebrating the town's history celebrating the towns nistory and heritage of carpet-making. But the site is presently empty as tenders are awaited from contractors before the restoration project

can begin.

The trust said it was looking at CCTV to protect the building in the short term.

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A report by planning officers says that the authority is aware of the potential risks of developing on the site due to the waste.

But officers felt it could be carried out safely so that it did not have any impact on residents.

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Agent Bowles Whittick Young say that landscaping would be included.

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## Bar owner cancels £15 all you can drink offer

A£15 "all you can drink" offer at a Dudley pub that came under fire amid fears it would encourage binge drinking has been shelved.

been shelved.

The promotion at the Arizona Crossing in Kingswinford had been criticised by residents.

Bar owner Chris Silcox has noad admitted it wasn't the best idea.

The promotion was due to run for two hours every Friday night starting last week.

But there were fears it could lead to drunken violence and be a health risk to boozers who do not know their limits.

One councillor called it "totally irresponsible" and said it would turn Kingswinford into a "no-go area" at night.



The Arizona Crossing pub

Customers were to pay a £15 entrance fee to get a token, which they would then show at the bar to get drinks between 9pm and

The offer would have covered beer, cider, spirits, mixers and

alcopops.
Mr Silcox originally refused to

then called back to say the promo-tion would not go ahead.

He said: "We have decided that the offer wasn't the best idea so it

won't happen now.
"We weren't trying to encourage
binge drinking, we were just
going to see how it went."

going to see how it went."
Before the plans were can-celled, ward councillor Patrick Harley said: "I can't believe that in this day and age, a respectable licensee would make such an

licensee would mand offer."
Richard Matthews, Midlands regional secretary for the British Beer and Pub Association, said:
"In the current climate, pubs are the second published by the second publish trying different promotions to get

#### **Seaside** day at museum

THE SEASIDE will be taken to Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford next month. There will be donkey rides, a Punch & Judy show, a giant sand-pit play area and games such as hook-a-duck.

Beside the Seaside will take

place on July 16 from 10am to 4pm and includes a display of

eashells. Craft activities will also be on

ier. Homemade ice cream, traditional homemade sweets and barbecue food will be available on the day.

The event coincides with the

museum's Beside the Seaside exhibition.

The display runs until Septem-

## Borough's dole queue shortens hoax hits

million.

Across Dudley and the wider St. Aper cent, and in neighbouring South Staffordshire it was down had fallen by 4,000 to 255,000 by the beginning of March compared with the last three months of 2010.

But the number of people In Sandwell, however, the news was more gloomy with the number of people allowance up 304 to 13,285, or 7.2 claiming jobseeker's allowance up 304 to 13,285, or 7.2

Pupils are having a wicket time

JOBLESS queues were slightly jumped by 19,600 last month to shorter in the Dudley area last 1.49million, the worst figure for month as new figures revealed the biggest national fall in unemployment for more than a decade. Unemployment across the country has fallen by 88,000, while the number of people in work has increased by a similar number.

The quarterly fall was the iggest in more than a decade, taking the jobless total to 2.43 million.

Across Dudley and the wider West Midlands, unemployments Such Saper cent. In Kidderminster and Wyre Forest it dropped 143 to 2,111, or 3.4 per cent, and in neighbouring West Midlands, unemployments working forest it dropped 143 to 2,111, or 3.4 per cent, and in neighbouring 13 to 1,808 or 2.7 per cent.

### Cordon as bomb a bank

PARTS of Stourbridge

PARTS of Stourbridge town centre were evacuated during a security alert at a bank.
Police cordoned off a section of the High Street for more than two hours while they searched the Halifax premises.
Officers shut the street from between Wilkinsons and the clock by Lower High Street at 2.45pm on June 13. Crowds gathered to watch as police teams searched the building with a trained searched from the area was declared safe at 5pm.
The alert followed a phone call which was later revealed as a hoax. Among those evacuated from the area was retired garden centre manager Shirley Edwards, aged 63, of Church Street, Brierley Hill, who was shopping with her 22-year-old granddaughter Sarah.
"We wondered what on earth was going on. We heard someone say there had been a bomb scare, and then we saw all of the

heard someone say there had been a bomb scare, and then we saw all of the police," she said.

Shop worker Tracey Lewis, aged 29, from Norton, said: "It caused a lot of disruption for people and will affect the day's takings."
Inspector Simon Bradbury, from Dudley police, said: "We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this alert."

#### Cautions for house raid

TWO MEN have been given cautions following a burglary at a house in

given cautions following a burglary at a house in Dudley.

Tools and bikes were stolen from the house in Medway Close on the night of June 12.

A 21-year-old and an 18-year-old were arrested in the early hours next day.

Bikes, tents and work tools were all found at an address in Hamble Close, Pensnett, when police swooped after information was gathered from residents.

#### Service marks the loved lives

PEOPLE can remember loved ones at a service organised by Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice tonight (June 23) at St Mary's Church, Rectory Road, Oldswinford (Zend ford (7pm).

It will celebrate the lives of people cared for at the hospice.

## Lawyers name senior

## partner

BLACK COUNTRY solicitors George Green have announced that Paul Bennett is to become the new senior

partner.
Mr Bennett is the firm's current head of corporate and is the president of the Dudley Chamber of Commerce and vice-president of the Black Country Chamber of Com-

He succeeds Richard Cliff in the senior partner role; Mr Cliff will remain with the prac-

tice as a corporate partner.

Mr Bennett said: "I am delighted to be taking on this role. Richard has undertaken the role with boundless enthusiasm, for which we are all very grateful, and I very much look forward to continuing our progress.
"We feel considerable opti-

mism for the future as we look to build on our core strengths."

Mr Bennett has spent his

entire 16-year legal career with George Green having joined the firm as a trainee solicitor. It has offices in solicitor. It has offices in Cradley Heath and Birming

## Pub boss to get grass bank mown

RESIDENTS warned against cutting an overgrown grass verge due to health and safety rules are celebrating after a pub boss offered to pay for it to be mown for a year.

Dudley Council said it would not be able to deal with the unsightly grass bank in Coldstream Drive, Wordsley as it was scaling back the grass cutting service to save £30,000.

But families were furious at then being told they could not even attempt to cut it themselves because of health and safety concerns about insurance, despite protests it had turned their street into an eyesore.

centre parking

UP TO 80 on-street parking increase the number of spaces will be created in parking spaces for between Dudley town centre.

Business owners in the centre, 'he said.

Stone Street and High Street area say trade has that they can be best situfallen after Stone Street car ated. For instance, the park was removed to create spaces could be facing out an £800,000 public square into the road.

"These plans are linked."

A gardening firm had offered to keep the

verge tidy for a year but could not continue after that.

Now Michelle New, landlady at the Queens Head pub in Wordsley High Street, has stepped in.

Mrs New, who has run the pub for two years, said: "This is a nice area and it would be a shame to see the grass getting overgrown again." grown again.

"When I was asked, I was happy to help. So we'll take on the responsibility for a year and get it cut."

She was approached by Coldstream Drive resident Carol Bradley, who led the original wn

and a pair to get the council to cut the verge.

While residents are happy the situation has been resolved for another year, they still want Dudley Council to start **Boost for town** 

Dudley Council to start cutting verges again.

Mrs Bradley, aged 58, said: "We're delighted that Michelle will help us but we are having to go through the hassle of getting this sorted out every year. The council should be doing this work and we will not forget that."

#### Searching

The council said residents would break health and safety rules if they did it themselves, but Brierley Hill-based Bathams Hill-based Bathams
Brewery did a one-off cut
free of charge.
Brecon Garden Services,

Dudley Council's new with the ongoing proposals cabinet member for transport, Councillor Patrick for the regeneration of the Harley, said the decision to increase on street spaces. from Stourbridge, cut the grass at no cost until the end of 2010 but residents have been searching for a new Harley, said the decision of increase on street spaces roads including Woiverwas made in consultation hampton Street.

The timeframe has yet to



YOUNG cricketers could bowl out the oppo-sition at an annual tournament in Dudley. About 35 teams from schools throughout the borough competed in this year's Kwik Cricket Primary School Tournament.

Four heats were held at Himley, Hale-sowen, Netherton and Pedmore cricket clubs. Winners took to the field at the War Memorial Athletic ground in Amblecote, home of Stourbridge Cricket Club, in a bid

to be named the top team in Dudley.

Jessons Primary School, Dudley, won the

overall title, defeating Wollescote Primary School, Wollescote, Stourbridge, in the

School, Wollescote, Stourbridge, in the final.

Both teams will have the chance to represent Dudley at the regional final, which is to be held at Worcestershire Country Cricket Club's ground on June 27. The eight-a-side game is played with players of the team pairing up to each take a turn bowling and batting. Points are scored for making runs but are removed from the total



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#### Borough has 24 rivals as a city

DUDLEY will battle it out against 24 towns for city status as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebra-

Diamonu dubitotions.

The bid, if successful, could help the borough to attract thousands of pounds of investment.

thousands of pounds of investment. A new city is to be created to mark the Queen's 60 years as monarch.

Dudley, which has a population of more than 300,000, hopes to follow in the footsteps of Wolverhampton which became a city in 2000.
Cabinet Office Minister Mark Harper said: "This is a magnificent response to the competition and it is clear impressive amount of effort has gone into all the applications that have been submittions that have been submit-ted.

"Careful consideration will

ted.
"Careful consideration will be given to all applications, after which ministers will formally provide their advice to her Majesty, as such honours are awarded under royal prerogative. The results are expected to be announced early in 2012."
When Dudley's bid was first announced, leader Councillor Les Jones said that he wanted to see the borough united as a city. Dudley town centre would become the city centre due to the council house and courts being situated there.

But Councillor Jones said that, while city status would encompas the whole borough – from Sedgley and Coseley to Hayley Green and Oldswinford – he wanted each town to keep its "individuality".

The rivals are: Bolton.

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Gateshead, Goole, Luton, Medway, Middlesbrough, Milton Keynes, Perth, Reading, Southend, St Asaph, St Austell, Stockport, Tower Hamlets and Wrexham. Dumfries was ruled out as the bid was submitted by an individual from a community group rather than the local authority.

#### Council lands **RoSPA** award

DUDLEY Council's building services department has won a clean bill of health and safety for its efforts to stop accidents at work – for the 10th year running.

The department has again been awarded the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) gold standard.

And the 10-year milestone as also earned the council a becial President's Award from

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## Safety fear as metal thieves steal 900 nuts from riverside barriers

METAL thieves stole around 900 highways staff from Worcestershire steel nuts from safety barriers on the riverside in Bewdley.

highways staff from Worcestershire County Council put up temporary plastic barriers as a safety measure.

the riverside in Bewdley.

They were later found dumped in a plastic bag a short distance away and police believe they were going to be collected and sold as scrap.

Officers say that if someone had leaned on the barriers they could have fallen into the water. They said a man was seen unscrewing the nuts, which fix the posts to the ground on Severnside South, late on the afternoon of June 10.

The steel railings were left in an unsafe condition because the nuts were from footings holding them in place for around 300 yards – from near the bridge down to Gardeners Meadow. A resident raised the alarm the following day and

Around 900 of the stainless steel nuts, which measure half-an-inch in diameter, were recovered by police on the Saturday night after a resident found them in a yellow sack by dustbins close to Old Tannery Court.

#### Consequences

Local Policing Sergeant Chris Aimes said: "The theft of these nuts was highly irresponsible and could have had tragic consequences.

more likely anyone falling would have landed on rocks, resulting in serious injury at the very least. The bag containing the nuts was too heavy for one person to remove from the scene and was obviously going to be collected later and sold for scrap value."

Sgt Aimes said a member of the public Sgt Almes said a memoer of the pumper saw a man using a large spanner to remove nuts from the barrier posts at about 5pm on Friday. It was assumed he was a council workman. He was white, around 5ft tall, of slim build, aged 45 to 50, and bald or balding.

onsequences.

"If people had leaned on the railings they could have toppled into the river 10 to 12 feet below. The water level is a real danger to the public. We have extremely low at the moment and it is installed temporary barriers."

#### **Tenants** lined up for old pub site

NEW tenants are being lined up to take over a landmark Black Country pub which is expected to re-open within weeks. Marston's Brewery has been searching since February for a new licensee for The Thorns pub in Quarry Bank. It said an announcement of the successful tenants was expected shortly as the process nears completion. The pub is one of the

The pub is one of the best-known in the area and, until its closure in January, was famed for its carvery and rock star mural on an outside wall. It shut its doors due to

Roy's portrait is Wizzard declining trade and spi-ralling costs.

#### Opening

Opening
The brewery reclaimed the site from previous licensee Paul Skitt who had run it since 2002.
Bosses from Marston's confirmed the pub was on course for a July or August opening.
It has previously said interest in taking over the pub has been high which led to the launch of a recruitment process to find the right tenant.
Marston's spokeswoman Nurrinder Mantell said: "We are in the process of lining up new tenants for the pub who will bring a wealth of experience to take on this pub. We are still looking to re-open The Thorns this summer."
At its height the pub was also well-known for

At its height the pub as also well-known for its music nights and won a series of awards.

#### Museum to show artworks

ART lovers will get the of paintings, prints and books on loan to a Midland museum from a prestigious collection.

Around 40 objects owned by the Collection of the Guild of St George objects will go on display at Bewdley Museum, Load Street, from July 2 to August 7.

The pieces, including watercolours and drawings, have been chosen to reflect different aspects of the collection.

of the collection.

All the works were collected by influential Victorian writer and at critic John Ruskin – a champion of artists such as William Turner.

## **More horses** are seized in clampdown



ALMOST 30 stray horses have been seized by police since officers began rounding them up off Dudley's streets a

month ago.

Police said eight of the animals were captured recently, bringing the total to 29. The latest horses to be seized were taken from Alexander Hill, Quarry Bank; Hayes Lane, Lye; Pensnett Industrial Estate; Gordon Crescent, Pensnett and John Street, Brierley Hill.

The horses were rounded up after reports from residents and taken to a paddock outside the Black Country. Police notices were put up asking for the rightful owners to come forward.

Among the seized horses taken were ones picked up in Tipton as bailiffs continue to clamp down on illegal grazing.

Two Shetland ponies and a black and white colt were taken at Ocker Hill Walkway – land behind Hawthorn Road. A fourth horse was taken at Upper Church Lane walkway, behind Warren Close.

#### Common ground

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said bailiffs had no choice after owners ignored warnings that they could not be left grazing common ground.

"Four horses were removed from the site overnight on Thursday and Friday (June 8 and 9)," he said.

"They had permission to take up to eight horses, although I under-stand only four were removed. I don't know why this is, but it could be

because of the space when it came to transporting them."

But Dave Stanford, aged 36, of Hawthorn Road said: "I have 14 horses

in total, the majority of which are in fields that I rent.

"However, I have been keeping two horses in stables in my garden.

One had a foal.

One had a foal.

"I let them out onto the field behind the house on Thursday and forgot to bring them in.

"I don't understand why the bailiffs took some and not others. In the 20 years I have had horses I haven't seen notices on the land. They have taken a three-week-old foal, which needs its mother."

The conucil said notices were

The council said notices were erected and denied a foal was taken.



Rock legend Roy Wood unveils a painting of himself

WIZZARD frontman Roy Wood has unveiled a life-sized oil peering over his shoulder. Painting of himself at a renowned music club in the Black Country.

The Birmingham-born rocker, who was also a founding member of The Move and Electric Light Orchestra and the enjoyed solo success, saw the apriore for the first time at a ceremony at the Robin 2, in Bilston, on June 13.

Court in the Act was painted by Australian artist Debra Deand depicts the 64-year old sitting on a throne, with a support of Status Quo.

WIZZARD frontman Roy Wood younger version of himself

## Strolling out for summer

Guilds

A SUMMER season of guided walks will be taking place around the grounds of a Midlands manor house. The walks around Himley Park

have been organised to educate visi-tors about the history of the park-

They got under way on Sunday and others will be held on July 24, August 7 and August 28, guided by the senior warden at Himley.

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Taking part in the walks is free of charge but places are limited so prebooking is essential. All walks start at 11am.

at 11am.

People will also have the chance to picnic in the park after some of the walks to the sounds of brass bands.

The concerts run from 2.30pm until 5pm with Paul Drakeley & The Allstars Band the chosen act for last Sunday.



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## Take that! Jobs blow as concert firm move is off

A DEAL to move a firm building concert stages into the Black Country, bringing 80 jobs, has collapsed after a planning dispute.

Total Solutions Group has been busy building stages for Take That's hit Progress Live Tour.

The firm had planned to move to an empty factory unit on Cradley Heath's City Estate. And Lyebased site owners Folkes Holdings Limited applied to Sandwell Council to relax planning rules for the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the way for the move.

However, seven letters of objection from residents over noise and loss of privacy were lodged and concerns raised by ward councillor is limited, added: "The delay owners of lose of privacy were lodged and concerns raised by ward councillor is limited, added: "The delay of the load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm to load and deliver huge concert sets after 6pm to pave the firm of the deal's off to forony's Birmingham base and corrected a further 30 through sear on noise levels into the area from Total Solution (Coronja, said the proposed move would have transferred 50 jobs (ham on siture deals). Total solution from residents owners folkes Holdings Limited a full particular and the proposed move would have transferred 50 jobs (ham on staturdays. The forony's Birmingham base and coronic from for the deal'."

Future He said: "We've decided not to move The deal's off because we condition from residents over noise and head with the form of the deal'."

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Workers into bat at club

pavilion

were being installed last week. Spokesman and sponsorship officer Mark Ashbourne said scaffolding will be put up around the pavilion, off High Street, Amblecote, on July 4. This will allow workers to begin repairs to roof joists and brickwork as well as strengthening the structure itself.

**Fixed** 

New layers of felt will also be fixed to ensure that the building remains watertight. Part of the cash will be used

Part of the cash will be used to install solar panels on the roof, with works expected on August 8 and 9.

Mr Ashbourne said that contractors hoped work would be complete by August 17.

17.
"The contractors have already been in to start installing the hot water boiler so works are under way now which is good," he said.
"It should not take too long and we have a completion date as well."

A grand opening ceremony will be held by club officials with invites going to past

players.
The pavilion opened in 1924 at the War Memorial

#### Bishop's chair is stolen

AN ORNATE wooden chair used by the Bishop of Worcester and worth £2,000 has been stolen from a church within the grounds of Hagley Hall.

The Bishop's Chair was taken from its spot alongside the altar at St John the Baptist Church.

It is used by the Bishop when

at St. John the Baptist Church.

It is used by the Bishop when he attends services. The wooden chair has a high back of dark wood and a red velvet back and seat. It has barley twist legs and barley twists on the back rest.

Police think it was stolen between 8pm on June 5 and 2pm on Saturday. A vehicle would then have been needed.

Sgt Andy Millwood said: "We would hope places of worship and their contents would be respected and left alone."

## Fun day to aid trek for Vicki

BARMAID Vicki Wootton hopes a fundraising trek.

The 26-year-old aims to pedal 400km across Kenya in five days to raise cash for the fight against breast, ovarian and cervical cancer.

Vicki, who lives with her parents in Hyperion Road, Stourbardbard breaven the specific of the specifi



TWO MEN spotted behaving suspiciously in Dudley town centre are being questioned by

Officers saw a man park a lorry in Flood Street at 8.15am on June 13 and meet a man in the High Street.

High Street.
Police stopped the 39-year-old moments later and seized what is believed to be cocaine. The man was arrested for

believed to be cocaine. The man was arrested for suspected possession of a Class A drug.

Officers arrested the second man, aged 36, a short time later on suspicion of supply of a Class A drug. Both men were in police custody to help with enquiries.

Inspector Richard Jones, neighbourhood manager for Dudley, said: "We take the trade of illegal drugs very seriously and will act where information is received that such offences are taking place.

"On this occasion officers were well placed to take swift action and detain two men suspected of involvement in possessing and supplying drugs in the town.

"We urge anyone with information or concerns about this type of crime to contact Dudley Police," To contact police, call 33 5000 or

To contact police, call 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

#### Copper will be removed

THE copper left on the damaged war memorial at Barr Beacon is to be removed to prevent further thefts.

Metal thieves have

Metal thieves have struck at the monument for a second time this year leaving a repair bill running into thousands of pounds. At a meeting of The Barr Beacon Trust on June 13 members decided not to repair it for the time being after

for the time being after the site was again tar-geted over the previous

weekend.
Estimates for a temporary repair bill reached £8,000.

#### Arson theory as car is destroyed

A RED Fiesta was burned out in a suspected arson attack in Tipton. A fire crew from Tipton was called to the blaze in

parking spaces outside maisonettes in Rush-mere Road at 1am on June 14. The crew fought the blaze but the car was destroyed.

## Firms taken to task on shop 'mess'

WORK has begun to renovate Stourbridge Cricket Club's pavilion with contractors hoping repairs will be complete within weeks.

Around 233,000 of grants were secured by the club.
Urgent electrical rewiring of the building at the War Memorial Athletic ground has already taken place.
Club bosses said new hot water boilers and pipework were being installed last week.

Cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Angus Adams, said dilapidation orders were lodged against firms claiming

Empty shops at 31-35 King Street, Dudley

TWO FIRMS are being taken to task over the "terrible" state of Dudley shops which council chiefs say have been left needing thousands of pounds of repairs.

Dudley Council has launched compensation bids against Swinton Insurance and Lloyds TSB over 32/33 and 34 King Street.

Cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Angus Adams, said dilapidation of the shops would be kept in a decent state, and those were not met," he said. "It is going to cost a substantial amount to repair I can't say how much as that is something our legal team and their legal team will have to agree on."

In the meantime, he added, the council would put vinyl window decorations up. "We want to make them look slightly more attractive than they do at the moment – it's a real mess," he said. If a warded, compensation would be used to bring the building back up to scratch.

Cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Angus Adams, said dilapidation bring the building back up to scratch. Alpyds TSB spokesman said: "The breached lease terms by letting properties fall into disrepair.

"It was part of our lease conditions that the properties of our dilapidations liability, which we have to conclude shortly."

of our dilapidations liability, which we hope to conclude shortly. "Swinton insurance spokesman Mairead Rodden said: "Dilapidations negotiations form part of day-to-day property management responsibilities. "Swinton are discussing and have ongoing dialogue with the council and this should be concluded in the next few weeks." Work is part of renovation and

cluded in the next few weeks."
Work is part of renovation and regeneration projects taking place and planned for Dudley town centre. This includes a £6million market place revamp, and a £4.2million heritage scheme to bring some of the most historic buildings back into use.

Bailey's Hall, home of Aston's Auctioneers, Tower Street, is three weeks into £1.9million restoration work to the outside of the Grade II

work to the outside of the Grade II listed building, with three weeks left to go. Work started on May 31 at Ace Disks, High Street.



Dog fans paw into the park

Families walk their pets between Himley Park, Dudley and Baggeridge Country Park

Families walk their pets between Hi
PET POOCHES from across the
Black Country took their owners on
a charity walkies to raise more than
£1,000 for Cancer Research UK.
Around 25 people showed up at
Himley Park in Dudley Road,
Himley on June 11 to take their dogs
on a sponsored walk to Baggeridge
Country Park and back.
Leonie Hudson, senior volunteer
manager for the Midlands, said it
was the first staging of the event and
its success meant the charity was
now hoping to expand it next year.
"People seemed to really enjoy it—
everyone went away with a certifi;

everyone went away with a certifi-cate and a goody bag for the dogs,"

she said.
"There are a lot of walking and cycling-based charity events around and we thought that people might want to get involved in something like this. It's not just one person doing a race and the rest of the family supporting them. It's the dog that is the main focus."



and Emma Whitehouse from Wordsley are seen with their puppy Toby

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#### Check out latest view of a £27m Tesco



The latest aerial view of the new £27 million Tesco superstore taking shape at Burnt Tree Island. Picture: Tim Thursfield

THIS aerial image shows a bird's eye view of the new £27 million Tesco superstore taking shape at Burnt Tree Island. Picture: Tim Thursfield

THIS aerial image shows a bird's eye view of the building and a glass cleared of gas.

In the Black Country.

Construction of the supermarket at Burnt Tree Island on the border of Dudley and Sandwell started in March.

As the photograph shows, most of the metal frame for the new building has been erected while work on the sales floor is well under way.

The lower floor of the building will be used for car parking, which is also progressing on the site were taken down last because they contained refrigers.

The store is expected to be construction by the a glass cleared of gas.

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Work to clear the site of debris while work on the sales floor is well under way.

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The store is expected to be construction that to be clock tower in the new designs.

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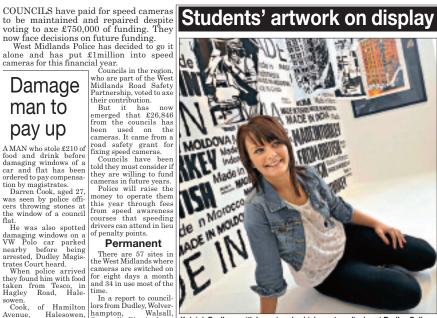
# now face decisions on future funding. West Midlands Police has decided to go it alone and has put £1 million into speed cameras for this financial year. Councils in the region, who are part of the West Midlands Road Safety Partnership, voted to axe their contribution. But it has now emerged that £26,846 from the councils has been used on the cameras. It came from a rodered to pay compensation by magistrates. Darren Cook, aged 27, was seen by police officers throwing stones at the window of a council flat. He was also spotted damaging windows on a VW Polo car parked lamaging windows of the Verance VV Polo car parked lamaging windows of a VV

damaging windows on a VW Polo car parked nearby before being arrested, budley Magis-

arrested, Dutiley Magistrates Court heard.
When police arrived they found him with food taken from Tesco, in Hagley Road, Hale-

taken from Tesco, in And 34 in use most of the Hagley Road, Halesowen, Cook, of Hamilton Avenue, Halesowen, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to shoplifting and criminal damage.

He was given a 12-month community order by the magistrates. They decided that Cook must also pay a total of £240 compensation.



Keleigh Faulkner with her artwork which went on display at Dudley College

Toungsters on the Art and Design at pludley College put together the display as part of Arts Fest at the Mons Hill Campus.

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ART STUDENTS at a Black Country college showcased their work at an end-of-year exhibition.

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## **How the ex-offenders** are recycled into work

A STOURBRIDGE waste company has started "recycling" profered as string of business benefits. For Overton Recycling, a waste electrical and electronic equipment recycling and electronic equipment recycling business in Lye, working with offenders is proving to be a positive waste of the company has started "recycling as waste electrical and electronic equipment recycling has been a string of business and plastics so they are all positive experience for the business. For Overton Recycling, a waste electrical and electronic equipment recycling business in Lye, working with a company has started "recycling" benefit is easy to make mistakes but in most cases people deserve a chance to put in most cases people deserve a chance to put in most cases people deserve a chance to put in most cases people deserve a chance to put in most cases people deserve a chance to put in the said. The business has increased its recycling capacity and uses technology to identify and sort specific metals and plastics so they are all positive experience for the business. A recent survey found that one in five memory and the vast requirement of the most cases people deserve a chance to put in the said. The business has increased its recycling capacity and uses technology to identify and sort specific metals and plastics so they are all plus on it, or battery in it", he said.

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cling business in Lye, working with offenders is proving to be a positive experience.

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in the Milking Bank and
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Dudley will be held on
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Police officers from the
St James neighbourhood
policing team will attend
to listen to any concerns
from residents.
It will take place at
The Hilly House pub in
Himley Road at 7pm.
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attend but who would
like to raise issues, can
call 0345 113 5000 ext
7901 6591. NEIGHBOURHOOD

#### Club hosts Kings band

OUDLEY-BASED trioute band the Kings of Dud-Leon will return to play Halesowen Cricket Club on Saturday.

Club on Saturday.

The group, who play a selection of hits from a range of genres, will play at the club in Seth Somers Park, Halesowen.

Sowen.
The music starts at 8pm. Tickets at £5 are available from the club or from www.halesowen-cricketclub.co.uk

### Thieves strip School auction to aid appeal



Back, from left, Sarah Callaghan with Tayla Hamilton, Wendy Chandler, Kerry Gilbert and Alfie Johnson, and front, deputy head Penny Forster and Luis Hickman with Danielle Rollinson and Hammad Aslam in the sensory room

"It's quite a significant amount of money to replace everything which has been stolen," he said. "It hasn't got to the point where we are having to consider getting rid of staff, but it all affects the bottom line." A SPECIAL school wants items to compere after fundraiser all affects the bottom line.
"There were four of them on Thursday night. They came around 9pm, an hour after our late shift ended, in a plain white van with its number plates covered," he said.
"They were all wearing hoods or face covers so you can't see who they are." 9

A SPECIAL school wants items to auction off to raise cash for a new feenory room.

Pens Meadow School, Wordsley, is staging the event at the Summer Ball tuneeds donations.

It wants to raise £20,000 to replace the current small room and its dated equipment. Jewellery, artwork and a case of champagne have already been donated, along with T shirts signed by the Great Britian Paralympic team.

Lucy Nicholls, a presenter on satellite shopping channel Gems TV, will 818945.

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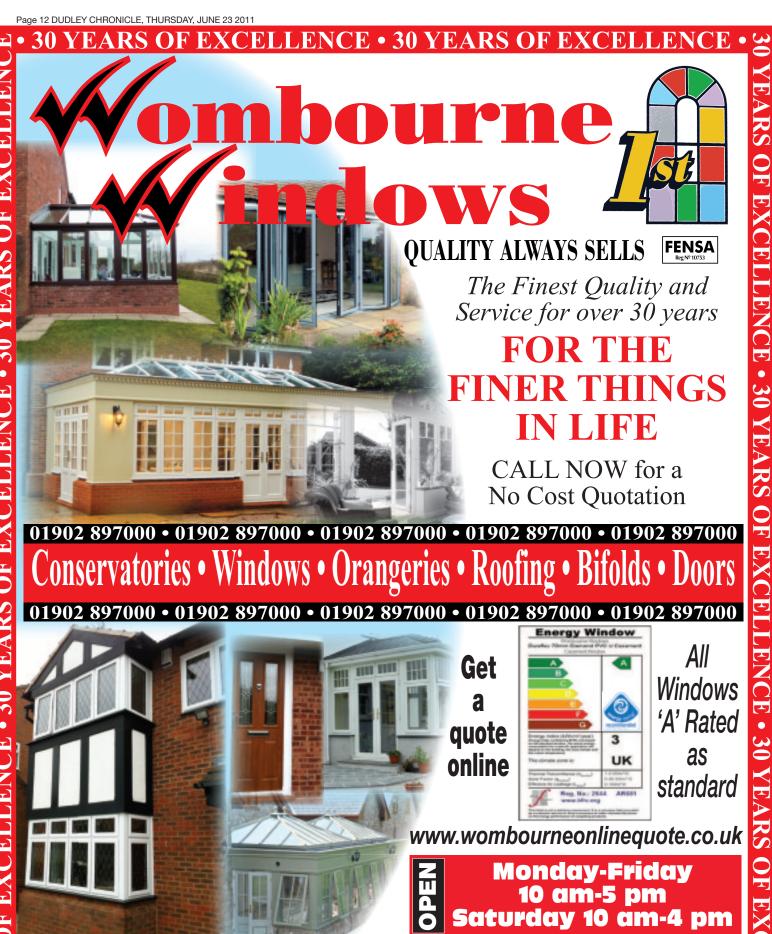




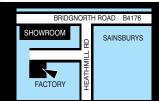
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#### Skateboard fun at 102, now the birthday girl tries out a C5 trike but is not impressed

Born 105 years ago, Madge Hart admits she is still game for a laugh – not to mention the odd challenge of riding a Sinclair C5 trike. JOHN NASH meets this remarkable birthday girl

THEN Madge Hart was 102 her grandchildren persuaded her to try her hand at skateboarding, so it was no surprise that when she celebrated her 105th birthday on Saturday she agreed to try out an unusual trike which made the headlines in the

trike which made the headlines in the mid-80s – for all the wrong reasons.

Braving the showers, Madge took the seat of inventor Clive Sinclair's ill-fated C5 and gave a thumbs-up before declaring: "I've never learned to drive. Where's the steering wheel? What makes it go?"

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wheel? What makes it go?"
Like the thousands who ridiculed the ecofriendly invention at the time of its launch, she
thought that "perhaps a proper car would be
more suitable" and the sherry-a-day resident of a
Halesowen old people's home picked up her stick
and promptly headed indoors out of the rain.
"I had lessons, you know, and loved driving.
But the examiner failed me for driving up to
junctions too fast. He didn't appreciate
the way I
drove, even though my husband said I was a good
driver. I was a good driver," she insisted.

Madge, who marked her special
day with 30 family and friends at a
party at Lapal House Residential
Home, in Lapal Lane South, admits
she's still game for a laugh "even
though I cannot do all the things I
used to".

In the past when her eyesight was
keener, she would not shy away from
the odd game of pool and was wellknown for her sharp humour.

Memories

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Born when King Edward VII was on the throne, Madge moved into the home last August from her house in Castle Road West, Oldbury, and has fond memories of her home town of neighbouring Bearwood.

"Bearwood was quite a nice place and I remember as a girl growing up there with mum and dad. It was different altogether than today and none ever had to go into Birmingham to shop. You could get it all in Bearwood High Street, groceries,





## Proper car' please as Madge hits 105

clothes – everything you needed.

"We had no electricity and had to make do with gas lights, but in many ways it was not that different than things are today. People were still as busy, we had our problems with two world wars and families struggled just as they do now. Of course we didn't have the modern conveniences.

"People knew each other and helped each other more and it was a better community we lived in," she said.

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She loved attending Bearwood Road School and clearly remembers one incident which landed her in big trouble with her mother.
"My mother dressed me in a white dress and it was new.
"I was instructed to take care... but the girl who sat at the back of me in class must have been jealous.
"We had ink wells and pens to dip in them. Before the lesson was fin-



trouble," she said. Raised with four brothers, Don, Albert, Cecil and Ken, she is keen to point out she was never spoilt as the only girl. "Spoilt? Never! We were all treated the same and I had to get a job the same as my brothers," she said

said.
On leaving school at 14, Madge worked for Wesley & General Assurance in Birmingham for 10 shillings a week (50) and enjoyed her hobbies of knitting and sewing.

#### Resign

She married her childhood sweet-heart, Harold, in Bearwood in 1929 and was promptly told by her bosses she would have to resign from the

firm. "They didn't employ married women. It was policy, not like it is now," she said.
"I met Harold at school when I was about 10 or 12 and there was

mever anyone else for me. I enjoyed my job and rose through the ranks, but I was happy to leave to marry Harold. It was well worth it. I had a good life with him.

"I was just a little girl when the First World War broke out but it didn't seem to bother us as children, but by the time the Second World War started I was a full-time mother and housewife and it was very different for me.

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"It was a constant worry," she recalled.
"Harold was called up and served as a captain in the Royal Artillery before becoming a teacher at the school where we met.
"It was a time of austerity but we were happy and I had four children, Alan, Michael, Janet and Norman," she added.
Born in Ethel Street, Bearwood, Madge has spend most of her years close to the Black Country except for

A new challenge at 105 - birthday girl Madge Hart tries the Sinclair C5, but it fails to impres

a short time in the 1930s when she lived in Gloucestershire where she took up singing in a choir. During the 50s and 60s she was an active charity worker with the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS).

She has 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, enjoys her daily tipple and regular letters from brother, Don – now aged 100.

#### Remarkable

And the secret of her happy 105

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Kinver businesses village trade has plummeted since the \$900,000 scheme

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Queues

And there is said to be no room to and the property of the

Kinver businesses village trade has plummeted since the £900,000 scheme was completed earlier this year. Kinver Parish Council has now requested a review by Staffordshire County Council to look at the changes and to find was completed earlier this year.

Kinver Parish Council has now requested a review by Staffordshire County Council is collecting this information, it does not have any powers to act upon the parish council to look at the changes and to find out how to deal with problems.

Officers said this was agreed and scheduled to take place later in the year on a date to be set.

Residents and traders have previously and traders have previously to kiny repairs the council as onlecting this information, it does not have any powers to act upon the parish council at its offices at 95 High Street, Kinver, DY7 6HD.

"We can make recommendations but the to be set.

Staffordshire County Council."

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Parish council clerk Jenny Spaull said it was a break with tradition to ask for public

Residents and traders are now being Residents and traders have previously to kinverparish@btconnect.com, again with asked to submit their views to the parish complained that traffic queues are being full names and addresses.

#### Store picking up buckets of cash

SHOPPERS at a Black Country store have raised £1,000 for a local hospice. The cash was collected in buckets on checkouts at Asda in Brierley Hill and will go to Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge. Events including a fun day and cake sale also helped generate the sum over the last six months. Service manager Jenny Lowe said: "The customers have all been so generous and we want them to know that all their money is going to a local good cause."

#### Grateful

Last year the store raised nearly £7,000 for the Asda Foundation, supporting charities across the country. Mary Stevens fundraising head Janet Jones said: "We are very grateful for the donation and it will go towards the vital work that is carried out." Plans are being drawn up for the store to support other local charities with fundraising events during the rest of the year. More than £800 was generated for the Poppy Appeal by sales of home-made silk flowers at the store in April.



Front, community champion Lisa Southall with, back fron left, people services manager Linda Turner, head of fundraising Janet Jones and events co-rdinator Julie Feeley



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sport returns to Kenilworth Castle in July and the Chroicles have teamed up with

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icles have teamed up with English Heritage to offer 10 family tickets for close-up views of all the action. Each ticket will also incorporate a month's free pass to Kenilworth Castle valid until August 10, to include all Time Traveller Go Archaeology and Time Traveller Go Archaeology and Princesses children activity events (Normal family admission is \$20.80)

For two days – Saturday July

is £20.80)
For two days – Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10 – the castle's grounds will be filled with the pageantry of the medieval joust as visitors choose the knight that they want to support and cheer him on to victory in the medieval equiva-



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"Our jousters use special
lances with balsa-wood tips,
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says English Heritage's regional
events manager, Karen Pike.
"That said, when two knights

and their horses, each weighing over a tonne with all of their armour, are speeding towards each other at around 30mph, even our lances still pack a real punch, and it requires all the skill of the rider to stay on the horse!" The Grand Medieval Joust is



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not just about the competition; visitors will enjoy all the fun of a full medieval pageant, with medieval music and dance, spectacular displays of falconry and English Heritage's Official court jester to keep the crowds entertained!

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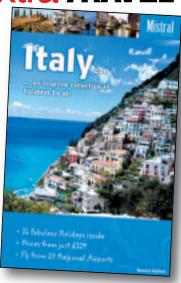
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## Nowhere better than the Waterfront for zone status

AST WEEK I attended meetings with business ministers Mark Prisk MP and Lord Heseltine to discuss the abolition of the bureaucratic Regional Development Agencies, such as Advantage West Midlands, (which I support), the Regional Growth Fund and an enterprise zone for the Black Country.

zone for the Black Country.

I made the case for investment in the Black Country and in our borough, raising with Lord Heseltine the value to our local economy of an Enterprise Zone situated at the Waterfront in Merry Hill.

Ever since the new enterprise zones were announced by the Chancellor, I have argued that the Black Country has the potential to make the most of the tremendous benefits that a zone would offer and have launched a campail to bring an enterprise zone to the control of the prime and the Chancellor directly support and advice the prime an enterprise zone to

ter and the Chancellor directly to bring an enterprise zone to Dudley South.

Following the loss of som major employers at the Waterfront in Brierley Hill in recent years, the local economy really needs a focal point.

With its good transport links and local infrastructure, in addition to the fact that there are lots of skilled people nearby, I can think of nowhere better than Brierley Hill, and the Waterfront in particular, for such a zone—a point that I made direct to the business

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talent.

As well as having government backing, the campaign has won support from a host of international companies which have already pledged services and benefits including advertising and marketing office.

tising and marketing, office space, broadband, finance and mentoring support for start-

ups. In total, Startup Britain will deliver a benefit package that represents over £1,500 in value for every start-up company in

Britain.

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out a call to business to rise up and help us drive the recovery and StartUp Britain is part of the answer to that call. That's what's really exciting about this. The people best placed to help business are the people who do business. Visit the website www.Start

UpBritain.org to find out more

I hope that Dudley's next generation of entrepreneurs will log on and be inspired to start their own enterprise

#### Question at school assembly

Since my last column I've visited Bromley Hills Primary School in Kingswinford where I took part in a special assembly during which the school council delivered a presentation to the school plus parents about their recent visit to Westminster and Parliament where I met with Parliament where I met with them and told them about life as an MP.

The recovery we need is a private sector-led recovery, a recovery with 'Made in Britain' stamped all over it.

as an MP.

It was great to take so many questions at the assembly from such an interested audience.

I've pledged my support to the No to Wall Heath Quarry community action group and recently met up with concerned residents at Dudley Kingswin-

THE WAY I SEE IT

ford Rugby Club to protest against plans for a new quarry. I've also visited several more businesses including Phoenix Calibration and Services Ltd and Harco Engineering Ltd, both in Brierley Hill.

and riarco Engineering Ltd, both in Brierley Hill.

Both businesses have been hiring recently and are confident with good order books –something Ive heard a lot of late on my visits to local manufacturing and engineering businesses.

Many local firms are also finding a lot of good export business which is pleasing.

This recovery can only be private sector led and it seems that Dudley business are certainly playing their part.

#### **Wordsley Festival** big charity boost

The Wordsley Festival was, once again, a success this year, despite the weather. Congratu-lations to the organisers and thank you to all of the volun-teers who turned King George V Park into a wonderful festi-

It's great for the community to come together like this and for so many good causes to benefit.

#### Taking the blows to help heroes

Finally huge congratula-tions to Christine Wyman of Dell Road, Brierley Hill on the hugely successful charity boxing night at The Venue in

Dudley on Saturday.

I was delighted to be able to attend and support Help for

Heroes.

It takes real courage to get into the ring so congratulations to all the boxers from the West Midlands ABA and the armed forces who competed.

## **School will** fly the flag for village KINGSWINFORD students are flying the flag for

The Kingswinford School has been working closely with Kingswinford & District Historical Society, flag designer Philip Tibbetts and local campaigner Dave Tyler to launch an official School of the Sc

Tibbetts and local campaigner Dave Tyler to launch an official flag for the village.

Mr Tyler, a former student at Penzer Street School, now The Kingswinford School, wanted to promote his roots and contacted Black Country flag campaigner Philip Tibbetts and Sharon Bianco, head of art at the school.

Mr Tibbetts, a council member of the Flag Institute and advisor to the Parliamentary flags and heraldry committee, gave a presentation to Year 7 students.

#### Registered

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They were encouraged to research and work on ideas with their families and draw inspiration from the name, history and colours of Kingswinford.
Five finallists have now been selected and the designs posted for voting on the school website.
To view them, just visit the site at http://remote.kingswinford.dudley.sch.uk/FlagVote/
The winning design will be registered officially with the Flag Institute and made into a flag to be flown at the school.
Mrs Bianco said: "The standards were incredibly high and it was extremely difficult to choose.
"There were some wonderful ideas and our students did us proud. We want to fly the flag high over Kingswinford."
One of the finalists is Luke Heys, who said: "I was so thrilled and a little shocked to be a finalist!
"I really enjoyed designing my flag and we all worked on it as

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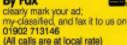
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## **Council selling sites** n bid to raise cash

will be demolished and sold off by Sandwell Council

thousands of pounds for the cash-strapped authority, which needs to find savings of £75 million over the next four years.

Industry

The former Albert Bradford Special School in Holly Lane, Smethwick and The Rising Sun pub on the corner of Barton Street and Richard Street South in West Bromwich will both be razed to the ground and the land sold off.

Sandwell's cabinet member for jobs and economy, Councillor Ian Jones has approved that the school and redundant

| Dlow trumpet | Meanwhile, the school became vacant following the reorganisation of

Festival will blow trumpet

became vacant following the reorganisation of special schools in Sandwell.

It was used as a tempo-rary base for the Prim-rose Primary Centre pupil referral unit and housed learning and culture staff from the

#### Demolition

However, the pupil referral unit has now relocated while the learning and culture staff have moved to Shaftesbury House.

Demolition of the school is scheduled for July or August.

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Cllr Ian Jones said:

"There are maintenance costs to all of those things so if we have something and we have to keep maintaining it and there is no and product why is no end product, why are we keeping it in the first place?"

first place? f

The council is already looking at selling off Galton Valley Canal Museum in Brasshouse Lane, Smethwick, which closed in November. It has also drawn up plans to dispose of offices.



Councillor Linda Horton, Sandwell's cabinet member for leisure, works on the giant replica foghorn with blacksmith lan Moran

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This year's festival will see events in all of the borough's six towns. The programme is to be finalised shortly.

## The prodigal son returns to solve a dark mystery

Exile (15)
THIS three-part series by Danny
Brocklehurst, shown earlier this year on
BBCTV, is a compelling blend of family

BBCTV, is a compelling blend of family drama and conspiracy thriller. John Simm is in excellent form as washed up magazine hack Tom Ronstadt, who leaves his luxury flat in London to return to his roots in the grim northern town where he grew up, where his self-sacrificing spinster sister has been caring for his former local journalist father, who is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.

The son tries to find some kind of redemption by completing an investigation his father was involved in decades earlier, which also has a bearing on the shocking incident which drove father and son apart when Tom was

when it turns out that the man at the centre of dubious goings-on at a local mental hospital some 30 years before is now a council bigwig, Tom finds that he and his family are in danger and, as he continues to delve into the past, discovers horrifying secrets.

secrets.

Exile is a well-plotted thriller but what really makes it special are the relationships between the characters and the acting, especially from Simma S rom as he attempts to connect with his father, a superb bewildered performance by Jim Broadbent, through the fog of dementia.

The double disc set also includes a documentary on the series and films about Alzheimer's Disease.

Alzneimer's Disease.

Season of the Witch (15)

Nicolas Cage and Ron Perlman play two tough medieval knights pitted against the forces of evil in this entertaining, if silly, fantasy-horror romp.

After deserting from the Crusades because they are sickened by the wanton bloodshed (of which they seem the most capable protagonists), they find their homeland devastated by the plague. Then the pair are captured by the authorities but the church gives them one last chance to redeem themselves by escorting a caged young witch – who is blamed for the pestilence – to a remote monastery where the monks are equipped to deal with her magic.



Father and son divided – Jim Broadbent (left) and John Simm in powerful drama-thriller Exile

drama-thr
The witch, a bewitching Claire Foy, turns
out to have incredible strength and the ability
to mess with the minds of the escorting party
of knights, priest and forest guide. At first we
join Cage's knight in doubting that she is a
supernatural creature but once the survivors
arrive at the monastery, all bets are off.
This is enjoyable sword and sorcery nonsense with a touch of The Exorcist.
The special effects are good and the dialogue mildly amusing.
Cage gives a typically world-weary performance, only looking mildly irked when
confronted with an army of zombie monks.
As the priest says: 'We're gonna need more
holy water!'
Brighton Rock (15)

holy water!"

Brighton Rock (15)

The idea of updating the story of small time Brighton gangsters from the 1930s to the Mods versus Rockers era of the early 60s sounded a good idea on paper but really adds nothing to Rowan Joffe's remake of the 1947 original, in which Richard Attenborough gave a career best performance as the

puent, terty and John Simm in powerful rifiler Exile
psychotic young thug Pinkie.
Sam Riley has an air of menace as the juvenile delinquent but is a pale shadow of Attenborough's portrait of evil. Andrea Riseborough, as the awkward young waitress he befriends purely to silence, tries far too hard, to the point where she started to put me in mind of Hi-De-Hi's chalet maid Peggy.
The mods and rockers bits seemed tagged on, like leftovers from Quadrophenia, though Eastbourne makes a decent mock Brighton, looking so seedy that it can't do much for the Sussex resort's tourist industry. There is some heavyweight supporting acting talent, including John Hurt and Helen Mirren, as Pinkie's determined nemesis. But neither are required to go beyond second gear by the mediocre script.
OK, the original Brighton Rock is black and white and made 60 years ago but it remains the far superior movie, check it out instead or save your DVD money to buy a copy of the classic book by Graham Greene.

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#### te tester – television's Oz Clarke on a visit to the Windsor Castle Pub and Brewery in 2009 Real ale at The Windsor Castle Pub and Brewery, Stourbridge Road, Lye Windsor Castle's Chris Sadler, front, and Adrian Susman Γiny brewers spark real-ale revolution



At the launch of the new Angel Ale at the Wagon and Horses, Halesowen, Andy Kirk, cellarman Jim Bolton, landlord Bob Drummons and Nick Pritchard

brewed real ales grows, so too does the list of micro-breweries set up by beer fans to supply their local

pub. The latest in this string of micro-breweries cropping up in the region has announced its arrival with the launch of its signature ale. Halesowen-based Angel Ales took to the pumps with its flagship bitter at a celebration knees-up on June 6 at the Waggon & Horses in Stourbridge Road, Halesowen.

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Engineering

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bridge Beer Festival.

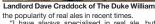
"It was always our dream to set up a brewey together – we met when we worked for a civil engineering company in Birmingham in 1999 awd not so thave been talking about it ever since," said Mr Pritchard, aged 51, of Devon Road, Bearwood.

"We liked the pale beers that come from Oakham in Peterborough, and down from York-

It's cheers all round as Black Country punters lift a glass to the latest locally-brewed real ale to hit the pub pumps. Charlotte Cross reports on the recent boom in micro-breweries



"Ever since the first test brew, you could tell they had a bit of quality," says Mr Drummons, who is 60.



"I have always specialised in real ale, but there's no doubt about it – it has become more fashionable and there are a lot of young people really seeking out new ales," he says.

"Having micro-breweries like this popping up relaunched seven years ago. Pint – both named after his newly-born son in our own region is lovely."

The brewery was given the thumbs-up by wine Arthur, now just three months old.

Meanwhile, Chris Sadler, from Sadler's Ales, in Stourbridge Road, Lye, has reported a near-40 May when they filmed a television programme per cent increase in sales since 2008.

"There has been a big resurgence in the last two decades," he says.
"Real ale has become more fashionable, people are choosing to drink more local produce."

Mr Sadler started the brewery in 2004 with the help of his wife Aster, sister Emily, and father

John. The family's brew recently got the thumbs-up from supermarket giant Sainsbury's, which has agreed to sell the beers at stores nationwide. From September 7, 20,000 bottles will go on sale for three weeks, alongside the other 15 winners, at Sainsbury's stores in the UK. If it is one of the national winners, Sainsbury's will place an order for six months, creating two

new jobs.
Mr Sadler, aged 28, says: "We're very excited.

If we win the national competition, which would mean an order for 250,000 bottles, we would need to expand in the next 12 to 18 months."

Black Country Ales, based in little more than a shed behind the Old Bulls Head, Lower Gornal, supplies beer for 28 pubs across the West Mid-

That site was used from 1840 for about 150 years, until the business died out as trade fell.

Landlord Angus McMeeking took over the pub

Landlord Angus McMeeking took over the pub 12 years ago.

But he only discovered the micro-brewery in an outhouse three years later when he finally broke open a padlock which was keeping the door shut.

#### Bearded

Since then business has boomed and the company recently started selling beer to pub giant Wetherspoons.

"There is a real market for real ales now, you see young people enjoying it, sharing it with friends. It's not just for bearded old men any

need to expand in the next 12 to 18 months."

Seven people are employed at Sadler's which also opened the neighbouring Windsor Castle taphouse pub in 2006.

Sadler's was originally founded in Oldbury in 1900 by Chris's great-grandfather, Thomas Sadler's eased production in 1927 but was lit ceased production in 1927 but was launched by 28 pints a week. And its two launch brews are called First Born and Arthur little production in 1927 but was launched brews are called First Born and Arthur little production.

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#### Glass art is clear inspiration Quarry plans a disaster

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a new quarry on the out-skirts of a Dudley village have been labelled "an environ-

says MP

labelled "an environmental disaster" by a Black Country MP.
Plans to quarry land at the Mile Flat in Wall Heath, Dudley, at the rear of Dudley-Kingswinford Rugby Club, have been submitted by contractor FG Davis & Sons Ltd.
The Staffordshire-based company wants to excavate gravel and sand from the 19-acre site – causing outrage among nearby residents.

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The company is also seeking permission to extend its current permission to continue work at its existing quarry site in Enville Road for another three years.
Dudley South MP Chris Kelly met protest group Quarries Fighting Fund earlier this month to discuss its concerns.
"Having two quarries operating at the same time would be a disaster for the people of Wall Heath and the wider area," said Mr Kelly.
"This development, if allowed, will change the local landscape for many years."
Dave Tyler, organiser

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This development, if allowed, will change the local landscape for many years."

Dave Tyler, organiser of the quarry campaign, said: "Having another quarry in the area would blight the area for at least another generation." Protesters have set up a website, www.qff.org.uk

MRE THAN 200 flower-inspired has hosted the event in Dudley for apperweights took centre stage at almost 10 years, said it had been a "great success".

Museum for a special exhibition. Headed: "We actually had people queuing outside highly unsual.

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## New mayor in dedication to people of Dudley borough



The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans and fellow members of the civic party



Dignitaries shelter under umbrellas as they arrive for the mayor's service

DUDLEY'S new mayor has been Saint's Church in Vicar Street,

DUDLEY'S new mayor has been sworn in.

In a ceremony attended by dignitaries from across the Midlands, Councillor Michael Evans
his dedication affirmed his dedication to serving the people of the
borough.

He took the formal oath at the
mayor's civic service held at All

Saint's Church in Vicar Street, Sedgley, on June 12.

The ceremony was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall, Gary and Yoonne Clarke; the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Councillor Bert Turner, and the Mayor of Stafford Councillor Stan Highfield and Mayoress Frances Knight.

Also there were Dudley council-

Also there were Dudley counculors including ward members from Sedgley.

The church was led in a series of hymns chosen by Councillor Evans.

"This was a very important occasion, when the mayor dedicates himself to the people of Dudley," he said.

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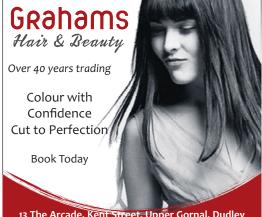




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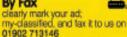
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Mr Morris greater spread of investment across the UK, in particular to

## **Manor house homes** bid sparks new fears

RESIDENTS have raised new concerns over the latest plans to build homes in the grounds of an 18th century Black Country

manor house.

They claim revised proposals for the development at Wordsley Manor have not gone far enough to protect wildlife at the site.

And they also feel the development will not fit in with the surroundings. Plans by Hagley-based developer Selbourne Homes to build 14 homes within the grounds of the Firmstone family's home have been on the table for more than two years.

But they were resubmitted this year after Dudley council insisted on an improved strategy for protecting wildlife during works at the site, off Meadowfields Close, Wordsley.

The new documents state a landscaped area will be created to allow worms between the

ANGLERS are hiding among trees to fish illegally for koi carp and goldfish in a pool at a Kingswinford

park.
Their actions have sparked fears over the future of wildlife. Fishing is not allowed at King George VI Park, but members of the town's model boat club who sail their craft there say people are flouting the rules.

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Members say they are concerned for the wildlife which visits the pool and have urged Dudley Council to take action.

The only fishing allowed at council-run allowed at council-run sites is at Fens Pool and Himley Park.

Club treasurer Paul Newman said: "They hide in the trees to fish but all of them are now proposed the tree of the building is recognised, but this property, unknown to many

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is part of a new £1.85 million push to get young people into training and employment across the Black

Country.

Teenagers are being urged to get in touch with the Kickstart: Gold scheme if they are not in education, employment or training to arrange an interview with a view to gaining employment and an apprenticeship place.

employment and an apprenticeship place.

A series of recruitment events are being held in Sandwell and Dudley next month (July) to find 200 16-18- year-olds who would benefit from the scheme, which is being run by Oldbury-based BCTG. BCTG, based in Taylors Lane, recently secured £1.85 million from the Skills Funding Agency, the Young Peoples Learning Agency and the European Social Fund (ESF) to run the new programme across Dudley and Sandwell. It has commissioned a host of skilled training providers who will work

training providers who will work alongside young people and provide job placements and give them a

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"kick start" back into learning and

"Rick start" back into learning and employment. Kickstart: Gold follows on from an earlier scheme called Kick Start Life, which helped young people like 17-year-old Wayne Groves (pictured). Wayne recently met West Bromwich West MP Adrian Bailey during a visit to BCTG, when it announced it had secured funding for the new Kickstart: Gold programme in May.

The 17-year-old, from Tipton, has gone from leaving school without any qualifications to now starting an apprenticeship in vehicle fitting with training provider NACRO having successfully completed the earlier Kick Start Life programme.

Wayne said: "If it wasn't for Kick Start, I wouldn't be doing anything now. Instead I've got more confidence and am now doing an apprenticeship in vehicle fitting." Mr Bailey said: "I am impressed by BCTG's work in this area with their skills and the commitment they bring to making life better for young people." Chris Luty, BCTG director, said: "The

to making the better to young people."
Chris Luty, BCTG director, said: "The aim of Kickstart: Gold is to give young people a kick start back into learning which will then lead to a place at college, an apprenticeship or employment.

"In Wayne's case it has led to a future with good training and an apprenticeship so he can go out and get a job.
"We are holding two recruitment

events in July to help other young people who like Wayne will benefit

people who like wayne will berieff from the programme and who will get help to find work with proper training attached to it. "

These events are in conjunction with the recruitment arm of BCTG "The Apprenticeship Works" who are specialists in recruiting young people into.

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"We are encouraging school leavers and those young people who are and those young people who are

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#### THEATRE ROUND-UP

#### **Familiar TV faces** and ticket deal for play season

FOR the third consecutive year lan Dickens Productions return to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre this month to start a four-play

Familiar faces from television will be among the actors presenting a mixed bill of comedy, drama and a thriller. Theatre fans can pay £48 to see all four plays, a big discount on the total for individual tickets per show.

The season starts on Tuesday with Jack

Popplewell's Busybody, a comedy about a meddlesome cleaning lady who likes to tell the police how best to go about solving a murder.

murder.
It's on to Saturday and the cast features former Coronation Street actress Fiona Shaw (she played hairdresser Maxine), Gemma Bissex (from EastEnders and Hollyoaks) and Michelle Morrs (from The Knock).
The clueless detective Inspector Pratt returns, following his outing in Murdered To Death, in Death By Fatal Murder, from July 5-9. The cast for Peter Gordon's sequel features former Dirty Den Leslie Grantham, Richard Gibson (Allo Allo's Herr Flick) and Michelle Hardwick (The Roya).

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A frustrated writer takes revenge on a theatre critic in Who Killed 'Agatha' Christie? by Tudor Gates, from July 12-16, featuring Emmerdale's Stephen Rashbrook and Charmed actor Neil Roberts.
Nicola Boyce's adaptation of Wilkie Collins' classic Gottic novel The Woman In White is staged from July 19-23. Peter Amory (Emmerdale villain Chris Tate) and Grange Hill's Karen Ford star.
Forthcoming one-night concerts at the Grand include talented tenor Jonathan Ansell and Friends on Monday. The ex-leader of the 'popera' group will be joined by How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria? finalist Helena Blackman, West End performer Oliver Taheri and former Only Men Aloud singer Thomas Oliver.

Expect G4 hits including Somebody. To

Oliver.

Expect G4 hits including Somebody To Love and Nessum Dorma at the Monday night concert. Tickets cost from £24.50 to £29.50.

Contact the Grand box office on 01902



Linda Lusardi and Sam Kane promote the Grand panto

## Hi ho! Couple happy to be back in city for panto

rugeurier arter more than a decade. The celebrity duo officially launched this year's production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in a visit to the "special" city. While ex-glamour model Linda returns as the Wicked Queen, Sam, who is also directing this year's show, will appear as the Prince.

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The real-life married couple, who last performed together at the Grand Theatre for panto Robin Hood in 1998, will be joined by comedy act The Grumbleweeds playing Muddles and Chambers and West End and former X factor star Niki Evans, who will join the cast as the fairy.

Sam, who is in his ninth year of directing, has been a stalwart of musical theatre for

PANTOMIME stars Linda Lusardi and Sam Kane will grace the Grand stage together after more than a decade. The celebrity duo officially launched this year's production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in a visit to the "special" city. While ex-glamour model Linda returns as the Wicked Queen, Sam, who is also directmass show."

#### **Stunts**

to be another great season for us and I am really looking forward to flying in some amazing scenes."

The duo are no strangers to the city after collectively appearing six times at the Grand Theatre over the years.

They have already started preparing themselves for the show which sees them perform twice a day for six weeks. Rehearsals are que to start just two weeks before the curtain due to start just two weeks before the curtain

Linda, who will be seen flying, without wires, said she is looking forward to adapting herself to the Wicked Witch and performing the risky stunts.

"I love this character because it shows a completely different side to me and it's a role I can really get my teeth into," she said.
"The Wolverhampton audiences really know how to enjoy themselves so it's going becember 10 until Sunday, January 22.

#### Reviews

Thomas and Friends Live Grand Theatre Cheers of delight and smiling faces greeted Thomas the Tank at The Grand as he saves the day by being really useful when the circus comes to Sodor.

the circus comes to Sodor.
Children, mums and dads,
grandmas and grandads all
joined in as they clapped and
sang along to catchy children's
songs. Lively and full of colour
their attention was immediately
captured thanks to the enthusiasm of the cast. Finn, my three-year-old grandson's face was a picture when Thomas came chugging onto the stage with open eves.

his wide-open eyes.
The three engines Thomas,
Percy and James were able to
move freely around the stage.
Joining in with the fun were The
Fat Controller, Harold The Helicopter, circus acts and farmyard animals. What a wonderful show to introduce young children to live theatre LES JOWETT

#### Footloose, Grand Theatre

Well I felt exhausted just watching. When they call this a high energy show they are not exaggerating. This was more breathless than Footloose and it was riveting.

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The show literally explodes on to the stage at Wolver-hampton's Grand Theatre and with classic 80s anthems like Holding Out For A Hero, Let's Hear It For The Boy and Almost Paradise there was plenty to sing along

with.
Fortoloose, starring Steven Pinder as Reverend Shaw Moore and Adam Booth as Ren, comes complete with electrifying dance routines and everyone was up on heir feet at the end of the night. But don't be fooled into thinking this is just a dance show, the singing is also terific, in particular from the Reverend's daughter Ariei, played by Lorna Want, and Rusty (Jodie Jacobs) and of course Adam Booth as Ren.
Footloose tells the story of life in small-town Bomont which is peaceful until city boy, Ren, arrives. Breaking every taboo, Ren brings dance back to the heart of a town held back by the memory of a tragedy. It is based on the hit 80s movie (which launched the careers of Kevin Bacon, Sarah Jessica Parker and John Littgow). Footloose has become a stage musical phenome-

Footloose has become a stage musical phenome-non, from Broadway to the West End and touring across the UK. Dancing may have been against the law in Footloose but with this show it would be a crime to miss it. It runs until Saturday (25).

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#### Ravi Shankar

Birmingham Symphony Hall
The term legend is often overused but when a 91-year-old gets a standing ovation for merely walking on stage you

brauton for frieling superflative.
Believe it or not flavi Shankar has entered his 10th decade and the sage-like master of the sitar commands respect from his protégés as much as he does from his audience. This fact made it all the more surprising that the Symphony Hall was less than half full.

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His evening of ragas, which is a musical form dating back around 2,000 years and has its roots in sacred music of the Hindu faith, was as you would expect spiritual, enjoyable and full of intricate musical notations which were executed with the precision of a master who has been playing music for more than 80 years. Surrounded by a mixture of his pupils and other respected Indian musicians you felt privileged, almost as if you were sitting in on a masterclass where Shankar was both passing on his wisdom and overseeing the finer details of his followers' progress.

If you want to see a true legend in action then go and see Shankar.

DANNY FARRAGHER

#### Ringo Starr and his All Starr Band

Birmingham Symphony Hall
Oh come on. Yes, of course it was very Butlins Holiday
Camp at times, but what were you expecting, for goodness
sake? This is Ringo.

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Now, you might say there are two types of performer in the world of popular music: the artist (such as Bob Dylan) and the entertainer (such as Engelbert Humperdink). Ringo Starr has never once professed to be an artist, but he has never stopped being an entertainer. And entertain is what he did supremely

being an entertainer. And entertain is what he did supremely well.

"If you don't know this next song, you're in the wrong venue," he told the crowd as he launched, inevitably, into Yellow Submarine, the daft, throwaway children's song from the greatest group of them all, and the track with which Starr will forever be associated. Surrounded by top-notch (if ancient) musicians (all of whom were major players in their time), Ringo - a sprightly 70 years of age - gave use energetic renditions of Honey Don't, Back Off Boogaloo, Photograph, and of course With A Little Help From My Friends.

Starr has suffered over the years at the hands of critics who expected him to be creative like John, Paul and George. As if having three outstanding songwriters in one band was not enough. But it turns out the mop-top caricatures of John the thinker, Paul the romantic, George the mystic and Ringo the clown were pretty accurate after all. At the Symphony Hall he proved he was still the clown, the master entertainer, and actually, a much better drummer than many give him credit for. Ringo . . . don't listen to the cynics. You're fab.

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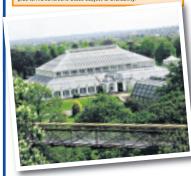
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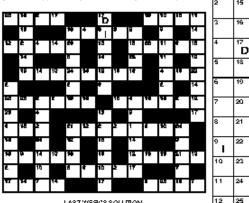
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# little corner of Afghanistan that's helping Midland troops stay alive

Black Country-born troops from the Queen's Royal Hussars are preparing for a tour of Afghanistan in a £14m replica Middle East settlement. Reporter SHAUN JEPSON and photographer ALAN EVANS joined them

A S SOLDIERS from the Queen's Royal Hussars snake their way through an Afghan market place, a Chinook helicopter sweeps through the sky and lands at a nearby patrol base. "They'll be dropping off more lads," mouths one of the troops as he keeps an eye-out for terrorist activity. It sounds like a typical day for soldiers in Helmand Province, where troops are faced with the Taliban threat every day.

Helmand Province, where troops are faced with the Taliban threat every day.

But this isn't Afghanistan.

The QRH, many of whom are from the West Midlands, have been navigating the streets of a £14 million replica Middle East settlement in Norfolk before they deploy for real in August.

It is part of a week-long intensive training package designed to test the regiment in conditions that are as close to identical as possible to those in Afghanistan.

# Dangerous jobs

The 12.5-acre fictional village, which has been given the name Ishmaragh, is populated by Afghan volunteers dressed as insurgents in traditional Taliban robes. Islamic calls to prayer ring out from the mosque and the dusty streets are strewn with motorbikes, tyres and carts.

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poral with the QRH and served in Northern Ireland and Kenya. During his tour, 20-year-old Jack's job will be to search for dreaded Improvised Explosive Devices, or IEDs, while out on patrols. It is regarded as one of the most dangerous jobs in Afghanistan.

But the soldier says that although his parents and 18-year-old brother Tom have talked to him about the risks, his 20-year-old's girlfriend Samantha Kings prefers to put it to the back of her mind.

"She won't talk about it," said Jack. "She doesn't want me to go but she knows how much I want to do this and I feel confident in my training and that my mates will have my back."



Jack Sinar, 20, from Kingswinford





Trees in the Suffolk countryside border the village, complete with the sounds and smells of an Afghanistan communmity



# n manoeuvres in £14m village of war

Jack and about 500 of his comrades from the QRH will pass through the training area in Norfolk before deploying to Afghanistan.

As part of the training package, the troops will encounter every possible scenario at the village – from peace and quiet to suicide bombs. Amputees from the Afghan conflict are also drafted in to act as casualties during some of the exercises.

The threat of being injured is something that is very real to members of the regiment, particularly those taking part in their first tour. "You hear about what is going on out there but you try and keep it out of your mind," said Trooper Kyle

Macready, 19, from Beaconside, Stafford.

"You just have to put your trust in your mates and know that they're going to watch your back. We're like brothers."

Kyle, whose three sisters and brother live in Stafford along with his mother, 49-year-old Sarah Walters, said his motivation for the Afghanistan tour had been spurred on following the death of his father, Scott, just 10 months ago.

"My dad was always proud of me joining the army and I want to make him even more proud," said the former Weston Road S
The QRH will have 130 men from its Warthog Squadron and a similar number of infantry in C Company in Afghanistan.

More of its troops will be in the training and advisory team working with the Afghan army and police, and another element will be based in Lashkar Gah.
Wolverhampton-born Trooper Liam Egan, from Wednesfield, will patrol parts of the country as well as ensuring fellow troops have supplies and ammunition.
The 21-year-old former St Edmund's Catholic School pupil said he would carry a picture of his three-month-old son. Theo, to help get him through his tour.

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"I will be thinking about him
and my girlfriend, Jodie," said
life-long Wolves fan Liam, who
used to play football for Wyrley

Rangers. "Part of me is looking forward to getting out there because it is the reason I joined the army. Before that I was working in jewellery shops fixing watches and I felt I had more to offer the world, so joined up.

He said his mother, 38-year-old Tracey O'Connor and stepfather, 32-year-old Mark Cook, had concerns. "I've tried to tell them not to worry but they will," he added.

At the end of the village exercise, the QRH return to their barracks in Sennelager, Germany, where they will undergo a further Afghanistan-focused training course prior to being given three-weeks leave before their tour.

The QRH is the senior United Kingdom light cavalry regi-ment. It was formed in 1993 from the amalgamation of The Queen's Own Hussars and The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars.

The regiment traces its roots back to 1685 and during the past 320 years has been awarded 172 Battle Honours

and eight Victoria Crosses.

The regiment is a frontline
tank unit but because there are
no British tanks in no British tanks in Afghanistan, troops will be in control of an armoured Warthog that runs on rubber tracks carrying troops across the varied terrain of Helmand Province

terrain of Helmand Province that ranges from desert areas to the Green Zone alongside the Helmand River.

Members of the regiment have previously deployed to Iraq in 2006 and 2008, where is was engaged in various mentor-ing tasks with Iraqi forces in Basra City, Umm Qasr and Az Zubayr.

During the training exercise in Norfolk, commanding officers of the QRH are also put through their paces during the training exercise.

# History

They take part in regular shuras, which are gatherings involving local villager elders, who raise issues about the activity of troops operating in the vicinity.

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The training area where the village is based is steeped in military history, having been originally established in 1942 when a battle training area was required and a 'Nazi village' established. The Afghan training area was not seen as a constant of the following as the stablished of the following the stablished of the stablis

stablished. The Afghan training camp was designed by the Operational Training Advisory Group (OPTAG) to replicate as closely as possible the situations troops could face on operations in Afghanistan.

From the call to prayer heard across a busy market place to a network of claustrophobic alleyways with high walls, the areas provide a realistic way to train troops and test their skills under demanding conditions. As part of the training exercise, helicopters manned by army and RAF pilots pass through the sky dropping off supplies.

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Hilton Road, Tividale

Semi detached two bedroom

Julie Croft, Bilston

property briefly comprising of a lounge, kitchen, downstairs

bathroom, rear garden, driveway, double glazing and central heating.

**Aston Road, Tividale** 

Semi detached two bedroom

property briefly comprising of

entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden and

Detached three bedroom property comprising of lounge/diner, modern kitchen, conservatory, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway.

# **Warwick Gardens, Tividale**



Semi detached three bedroom property comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room (converted from garage), family bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway.

# Oakham Road, Tividale



Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

# **Tansley Hill Avenue, Dudley**

Semi detached three bedroom

property briefly comprising entrance

hall, downstairs wc, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom,

front and rear gardens and driveway.



Detached four bedroom property comprising lounge/diner, kitchen conservatory, garage currently being used as bedroom with wet room, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

# **Gill Street, Dudley**



Semi detached three bedroom property comprising lounge, garage currently being used as fourth bedroom. kitchen/diner, family bathroom, upstairs shower room, rear garden and driveway.

# Parkes Hall Road, Dudley



Terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, family bathroom, front and rear

# **Abbotsford Drive, Dudley**



Detached four bedroom property comprising lounge, dining room, sitting room, downstairs bathroom, kitchen/diner, conservatory, upstairs shower room, rear garden, driveway and garage

## California Road, Oldbury



Semi detached three bedroom property comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/diner, bathroom front and rear gardens, storage garage and driveway.

# Limepit Lane, Dudley



Detached three bedroom property briefly comprising of a dining room, kitchen, lounge, shower room, rear garden and driveway.

# **Hallchurch Road, Dudley**



Terraced two bedroom property comprising entrance hall, lounge kitchen/diner, master bedroom with en-suite, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

# Fairway Avenue, Tividale



Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway.

## Cinder Road, Dudley



Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, front and

rear gardens, garage and driveway

## Cinder Road, Dudley



Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.



We would advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £40,000. Any person wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agent in writing within seven days of this advertisement. Dixons, 23 Stone Street, Dudley DY1 1NT. Tele No 01384 237313

**Birch Crescent, Tividale** 

Semi detached three bedroom

property briefly comprising entrance

hall, lounge/diner, extended kitchen,

bathroom with seperate wc, rear

garden, driveway and garage.

# Dale Terrace, Tividale



Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs bathroom, upstairs wc, front and rear gardens, drive and garage.

# Poplar Rise, Tividale



Link detached three bedroom property comprising entrance hall, downstaris wc. lounge, kitchen/diner. further reception room, bathroom front and rear gardens and driveway.

## Forest Road, Dudley



Terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/diner, second reception room, kitchen, utility, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

# **Peel Street, Dudley**



Semi detached two bedroom property comprising entrance porch, kitchen, dining room, lounge, downstairs bathroom, upstairs shower room, rear garden, driveway and garage

# Winrush Close, Dudle



Detached four bedroom property comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, conservatory, ensuite to master bedroom, bathroom, rear garden and garage.







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'Fairtrees', Quorn Crescent



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# **GOSPEL END VILLAGE**



Penn Road

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An outstanding, exceptionally well presented & meticulously maintained, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in favoured village setting within walking distance of Penn Common/open countryside, etc. Superb accommodaton includes entrance porch, central reception hall, elegant lounge with 'Minster' style freplace, breadsast kitchen with a fine elegant lounge with 'Minster' style irreplace, breadsast kitchen with a fine with a fine with a fine with the control of the control of

Offers in the region of £295,000

# WALL HEATH VILLAGE



35 Casewell Road

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Price: £169,950

# LOWER GORNAL



# Wordsworth Road, Straits

An EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached family home in favoured district within walking distance of country part/schools/post office/bus route, etc. Accommodation provides entrance vestibule, reception hall, lounge, dining room with patic doors, kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, lengthy garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £169,950

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# 7 Fairview Crescent

Superbly located just off Granville Drive, within this very popular and highly sought after location, this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a VERY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, enhanced by a GOOD SIZED & ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT BEAB (ABDFs) and commission entrance purph recention bull DEFINITELE PROMISE INVESTIGATION OF STREET PROPERTY AND ACCOUNT ATTEMPT AND ACCOUNT AND ACCOUNT ATTEMPT AND ACCOUNT AND ACCOUNT ATTEMPT AND ACCOUNT AND ACCOUNT ATTEMPT AND ACCOUNT ATTEMPT AND ACCOUNT ATTEMPT AND ACCOUNT AND ACCOUNT ATTEMPT AND ACCOUNT AND AC

Price: £146,950

## KINGSWINFORD



# 10 Birchwood Walk

Enjoying a FANTASTIC OPEN FRONT OUTLOOK over a large, attractive open green opposite, this SPACIOUS AND WELL MAINTAINED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW is conveniently placed fo local amenities and affords a WELL PRESENTED LAYOUT o accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE

Price: £144,950

# WOMBOURNE VILLAGE



15 Westbrook Way

Superby located within this small "cul-de-sac" within righty sought fair working and within walking discless. Within righty sought star within walking discless and seasonable with the same and the seasonable walking the same and the same a

Price: £144,950

## COSFLEY



Bridgewater Drive

double glazed three bedroomed semi defached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and is situated at the head of this popular cut-de-sea. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises; living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, conservatory, study/playroom, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, with the white basic, Gargage, couble width microsity and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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# COSELEY



# lyyhouse Lane

IVINOUSE Lane
TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. A freehold, double glazed detached constructed circa 1962 that would benefit from modernisation & improvement works set in popular district with particular lengthy garden & good distant views. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, transverse 18°10° dining kitchen, pantry, utility room, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage. SEDOLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £137,500

# NETHERTON



# CRABOURNE ROAD

We are pleased to offer for sale this improved and extended, traditionally styled, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, two bedroomed semi detached property which is well presented throughout, comprising liner hall, lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, two double first floor bedrooms, modern shower room, garden to rear, off road parking for two cars to the front, burglar alarm, must be viewed. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 2656.

Offers Around £109,950

# WOODSETTON



# Park Road

through Iving/ dining room (previously separate rooms) with double opening french doors out to garden, upgraded kitchen, lobby, utility room, store. To the first floor is a galley landing (scope for office allowe), two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom, separate tools. Lot conversion providing small landing & a domme bedroom it visits to the conversion of the conversion providing small landing & a domme bedroom it visits whighther than the conversion providing small landing & a downer bedroom it visits which will be conversion to the conversion of the conversi

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# 46 Oregon Close

ocated within this small 'cul-de-sac', BACKING ONTO IODLAND AND OPEN GROUND, this SUCCESSFULL ICERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE offers a VERY SPACIO Ideation, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising nmodation, including UPVO DUDICE DUPLEMS and to the com-pression of the compression of t

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# 1 Firs Road

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# **DUDLEY**



SELBOURNE ROAD

Overlooking Buffery park, and very rarely available to purchase is this modern two bedroomed towhouse constructed by Selbourne homes and offering the property of the property of the property wc, transverse lounge, two first floor bedrooms bathroom, boarded loft, garden to rear, burglar alam, allocated parking, balance of NHBC warranty. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

offers around £119,950



# LOWER GORNAL



# Pennine Drive

This well presented, surprisingly spacious, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated end townhouse is situated in a relatively quiet backwater whilst remaining convenient for local amenities & is sure to appeal to bot

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# COSELEY



# Reddow Avenue

An OUTSTANDING, freshold, gas centrally heated & uPVC-glazed semi defached that has been transformed by present in recent years to a superb standard. Accommodation in recent years to a superb standard. Accommodation in brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, tremendous through breakted stichne with a fine range of Avant a formation of the contract of the contract of the contract of generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white \*Hentage as experted to parking to fortif key. See the contract CFFICC 1902 80888

Offers in the region of £103,000

# LOWER GORNAL



Central Drive

IDEAL FOR INVESTORS. A well presented/conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & µPVC abuble glazed and townhouse with good distant views. MINING HISTORY available for inspection at Sedgley office. The accommodation provides enlarged L-shape reception room, kitchen, pantry, TWO DOUBLE BERDONS, bathroom, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £60,000

# WORDSI FY



# 17 Crownoakes Drive

entrance, reception hall with laundry cupboard and cloaks ounge with walk in bay and dining area off, luxury kitch appliances, EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOM and lux

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BAPTIST END ROAD

been the subject of a complete scheme of sation by the current vendors, this gas centrally and uPVC double glazed, modern style three deather detached property offers family sized odation which comprises: hall, junge, re-fitted timer, guest wc, three first floor bedrooms, re-fitted with shower, landscaped rear gradien, parking to with shower, landscaped rear gradien, parking to yet made aces with allocated space for garage, lay pread. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01394 650525.



## Sandyfields Road

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Offers in the region of £280,000

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commodation includes entrance bible bedrooms, enlarged sho white suite, enlarged lounge (ir as a dining room - possibilitie led upgraded 19°10° breakfast pantry. Lengthy drive to a GAF d gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE (

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# Chillington Drive, Miking Bank

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An enhanced, gas centrally heated, &
double glazed detached enviably
situated at head of relatively quiet culde-sae with good distant views, and
within walking distance of so many
amenities/facilities. Accommodation
includes; reception hall, fitted
cloakroom, separate dinigr room with
bay, stylish lounge with living flame
feature gas fire, bay (and double doors
out to garden), L shape breakfast
kitchen with oven, hob & filter, laundry.
Garage sub-divided to create further
utility room, and a studyoffice. Four
bedrooms (principal bedroom with
mirrored wardrobes & a reappointed
shower room en suite), reappointed
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# 'Corona', 6a Broad Street

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Price: £189,950

# DUDLEY



# Priory Close

An attractive, traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war detached of character with further potential set in well regarded cut de sac. Accommodation provides entrance porch, imposing reception hall (with original oak block floor), understair store, dining room with bay, lounge with bay, breakfast room, kitchen, landing (with original doors/balsstrades), three bedrooms, bathroom, separate lockle, gated drive to limber garage-sectuded rear graden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01802 884888

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Enviably situated just off Sandyfields Road, an EXTEN tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas certaily heated & Palay Baylong and Sandyfields Road, an EXTEN tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas certaily heated & Palay Road (SISTANT VIEW). Accommodation pror reception hall, enlarged 22-10¹ lounge, separate brown, refitted kitchen with a fire range of contemporary units & various integrated appliances, walk-in pantry, set 196° principal baddroom & two furthe bedrooms, extended baltmoom, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SED OFFICE 1910s 280888

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# WALL HEATH VILLAGE



## 6 Newbridge Road

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Now: £184.950



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## Corbyns Hall Lane

This well presented and much improved, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated three bedroomed detached properly offers versatile accommodation and is worthy of internal inspection, and is seen to comprise. All, modern kitchen, guest we, dining area, lounge, hall, modern kitchen, guest we, dining area, lounge, bedrooms, dolphin bathroom, garden to rear, block paved drive, alarm. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERILEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £184.950 GORNAL WOOD

Maple Drive

An exceptionally well presented & extremely stylish, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached in favoured backwater close to fields and other amenities. Super a scommodation includes entrance porch, reception half, with pation dors, refitted kitchen with a fine range of beach effect units & various integrated appliances, store. Three generous size bedrooms, reapportied/re-filed bathroom with white suite/chrome detailing & a shower. Glated tarmac with white suite/chrome detailing & a shower. Glated tarmac without a brick garage, near gardens. SEDGELY OFFICE 01902 880688

Offers in the region of £159,950

DUDLEY

Salop Street

Intel closes of the ground store entantice vestibuler, coales the closes/shower room, laundry, third bedroom; to the a spacious L-shape lounge and a L-shape breakfast or of 'cherrywood' finish units and various integrated ond floor is a principal bedroom with built-in wardrobes the suite, together with a second double bedroom also shower room en suite. Integral garage, ample parking, garden with decking, SEDGLEY OFFICE 1092 80088

# LOWER GORNAL



## Ruiton Street

ARLY SPACIOUS & exceptionally well presented DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated detached special convenient district with GOOD DISTANT Accommodation includes imposing 158° receptives of the commodation includes imposing 158° receptives, elegant 188° lounge with bay, sitting ros to outside), well equipped 182° kitcher range of units & various integrated appliance ection). Four generous bedrooms (principal with suite & built in wardrobes), reappointed/re-tilled to suite, garage, gardens. SEOGLEY OFFICE 0190

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Ashen Close, Northway

A Freehold, conscientiously maintained, uPVC DOUBLE
GLAZED & gas centrally heated, detached bungalow
excellently situated in relatively quiet cul-de-sac in
favoured district. Accommodation includes; entrance
halway 198' invig/dining room, inner hallway, breakfast
kitchen, two double bedrooms (one with wardrobes),
bathroom. Extensive parking, brick garage, secluded
level rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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## Cotwall End Road

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# Longfellow Road, Straits

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# DUDLEY



# Scotts Green Close

This detached bungalow offers two bedroomed gas centrally heated and double glazed Ihis detached bungalow offers two bedroomed, gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation, and is positioned in the popular location, comprising: Porch, hall, lounge, dining room, two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, garden to rear, garage. Available with no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265 Offers around £159,950

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# Kipling Avenue

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# DUDLEY



# Vanborough Walk, London Heights

Tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed DETACHED upon wider than average plot a need of cul de sax with excellent distant views. Supert head of cul de sax with excellent distant views. Supert 243° through living/diring room [possibilities of sub-division] refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, transverse brick/uPVC double glazed 172° utility room. Three bedrooms (one with bathroom. GARAGE, extensive secluded side garden SEDGLEY OFFICE 19102 80886).

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# The Paddock

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# Dimmocks Avenue

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# WOODSETTON



# Sedgley Road, 'Swan Village'

itle distinctive, traditional, Freehold, interwar semi detact acter that has been significantly modernised in recent fully retaining herhanding many fine period features (with gn heights, picture rails, parallel doors, open fireplacet gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommo-dies, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining non other hough to a convention to the properties of the hough of the properties of the properties of the properties for the properties of the properties of the properties of the fired parallel properties of the properties of the properties of the fired parallel properties of the properties of the properties of the fired properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the fired properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the fired properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the fired properties of the properties of t n (kerb dropped), and a rear gard ed. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 8

Offers in the region of £126,750

# PENSNETT

Offers in the region of £137,950



# BROAD STREET

This appealing three bedroomed modern detached property offers gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation arranged over two floors and is seen to comprise: Hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three first floor bedrooms bathroom, garden to rear, garage, realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265. Offers around £123,950

# LOWER GORNAL



# Ellowes Road

epitionally well presented & particularly stylesh, freshol-by heated & IP/C double glassed ENA-RGED seri deb been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent year lay standard. Conveniently situated, the accommo sea reception hall, lounge (with living flame feature free source) of the properties of the properties of the con-trol of the properties of the properties of the properties by, utility room, separate toles, further store. There bedi intelled bathroom with white suite & ophisticated so 1. 1010' side driveway (potential for extension or pa SEDGLEY OFFICE 0 1902 808888).

Offers in the region of £123,450

# COSELEY



# Paul Street, Hurst Hill

r SPACIOUS, Freehold, gas centri zed intermediate "starter home" in co constructed circa, 2005 (covered by nagardad district constructed circa. 2005 (covered by remainder of toy are guarantee). Accommodation provides; traditional reception hall (81° celling height), 146° in length, fitted cloakroom, well equipped breakfast kitchen, transverse lounge. TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (bedroom one with shower room en suite/built in wardrobe, and bedroom two with two double built in wardrobes, and bedroom two with two double built in wardrobes, and bedroom two with two double built in wardrobes, and sections. Blocked pawad parking to front, level landscaped secluded near garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 80904.

Offers in the region of £121,950

# LOWER GORNAL



# Park Road

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# COSELEY



## Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

Catherine Road, Hurst Hill
This modern style, double glazed (vast
majority of units) gas centrally heated, three
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current owner, and is well worthy of an
internal inspection. Available with NO
UPWARD CHAIN, the accommodation
briefly comprises; side entrance hall, refitted
kitchen with a fine range of units, transverse
living room. Three bedrooms, refitted
bathroom with a white suite. Garage,
driveway, and a pleasant rear garden.
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Offers in the region of £117,000

# DUDLEY



## Ash Green, Old Park Farm estate

This deceptively spacious, majority uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The property briefly comprises; entrance hall, splendid through living room, separate sitting/dining room kitchen with a fine range of units, gues w.c. Three good bedrooms, bathroom with corner suite, and a lawned rear garden SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,995

# Netherton SWAN STREET





A four bedroom spacious home with two recption rooms, breakfast kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, driveway and garden to rear

£129,950

# **DUDLEY** Pedmore Road



A three bedroom end ter-raced house with hall-way, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, garden to the rear, driveway to the front and shared ac-cess to the side leading to the rear garden.

£89,950

# SEDGLEY Queens Road



A traditional style semi de-tached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, two double bed-rooms and a further study room currently used as a nursery, driveway and gar-dens to front and rear

£144,950

# Dudley PARKES HALL ROAD





A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, large garden to the rear and driveway to the front.

£89,950

# **PENSNETT**



## Derwent Close

Derwent Close
This modern style, three bedroomed, semi detached property has gas centrally heated accommodation and is well presented throughout. The layout comprises: Hall, guest wc, lounge, dining area, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, driveway to the front, LPVC gutter and fascia, cavity wall insulation, no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £114,995

# SEDGLEY



## Round Hill

Round Hill

An ENLARGED, gas centrally heated (combiboiler) & primarily uPVC double glazed semi
detached excellently situated in relatively
quiet cut de sac with good distant views.
The conscientiously maintained
accommodation provides entrance porch,
reception hall, living room, transverse dining
kitchen (with double doors out to garden) &
a fine range of units, pantry, outer lobby,
store, workroom & a separate toilet. Two
double bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled
bathroom, parking & delightful secluded rear
garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region £109,950

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# **GORNAL WOOD**



## New Street

New Street
A tremendousy enhanced & exceptionally stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, ENLARGED traditional intermediate terrace of character excellently situated within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Stylish accommodation includes 22ft through living room, separate breakfast room (with patio doors out to the garden) and upgraded kitchen, lobby, recently reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite/electric shower, two double bedrooms. Neat secluded rear garden, SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £108,950

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An immaculate two bedroom ground floor maisonette with lounge, fitted kitchen, garden to the rear and driveway to the front

# **BRIERLEY HILL** Lisko Close



A spacious attractive family home located on the popular "Clockfields" estate. The house briefly comprises of hall-way, lounge, dining room, fit-ted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, ensuite to massive to downstairs wc, ensume to make ter bedroom, garage, driveway and gardens to front and rear

£215,000

## **TIVIDALE** Wheatsheaf Road



An impressive three bed-room semi detached house with hallway, lounge, din-ing room, fitted kitchen, utility area, downstairs toi-let, garden to the rear and a private road leading to the garage and rear

£99,950 **DUDLEY** 

Attingham Drive

# LOWER GORNAL



# **Brook Street**

Brook Street
A comparatively SPACIOUS, modernised
& improved, EXTENDED, freehold, gas
centrally heated traditional intermediate
terrace of character excellently situated
within walking distance of the village.
Stylish well presented accommodation
includes superb 20'4" lounge, large
transverse dining kitchen with an extensive
range of 'first quality' units & a verandah
beyond. Two generous double bedrooms,
bathroom with white suite, secluded rear
garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the praction of £108 500.

Offers in the region of £108,500



# Turls Hill Road

An attractive, conscientiously maintained, traditional, Freehold, gas radiator centrally heated, intermediate terace of fremendous character (with many period features) within level walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, together with open fields. Set in 'tree lined' road the accommodation comprises, inving room, dining room, store, well equipped kitchen with various integrated appliances, reappointed bathroom with white suite, two bedrooms, delightful secluded level/south facing rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £106,950

# DUDLEY



# Acacia Close

NO UPWARD CHAIN - A COMPETITIVELY NO UPWARD CHAIN - A COMPETITIVELY PRICED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed 'starter home' in a cul de sac convenient for so many amentiles & facilities. Accommodation includes reception hall, cloaks cupboard, updated kitchen, understairs store, delightful lounge with uPVC double glazed patio doors out to garden. TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, lengthy front garden with block paved parking, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £102,550

# £85,000 Himley





A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, conservatory, downstairs wc, driveway and garden to

£164,950

# NETHERTON **Baptist End Road**



Four bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, rear garden, driveway to the front and side and potential for an extension/double garage subject to planning.

ground floor apartment available on 50% shared ownership with hallway, lounge with kitchen area, two bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite and an allocated parking space. £220,000

£52,500

# DUDLEY



# Hallchurch Road

Hallchurch Road
This modern style, gas centrally heated
and uPVC double glazed end town
house offers well presented two
bedroomed accommodation ideally
suited to the first time buyer and close
to all local facilities with accommodation
comprising: hall, lounge, modern
kitchen/diner, two first floor bedrooms,
master with en-suite, bathroom, garden
to rear, parking to front, burglar alarm
and much more, sensibly priced.
BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £98,500

# COSELEY



# Horace Street, Hurst Hill

Horace Street, Hurst Hill
This modern style, Upvc double
glazed (vast majority of units), gas
centrally heated, two bedroomed
semi detached home is well
presented throughout and may
particularly appeal to first time
buyers. A commodation briefly
comprises; living room, dining
kitchen with a fine range of units.
Two bedrooms, bathroom Driveway
and a neat read carterin. SETIGLEY and a neat rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950

# BROCKMOOR



# Campbell Street

traditionally styled, This bedroomed mid terrace property has double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation which comprises: front and rear reception rooms, modern kitchen two first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden to rear. Idea first time purchase. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £79,999

# **TIVIDALE** Alexandra Way

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A one bedroom first floo apartment with double glazing and electric stor-age heating. Open plan diner/ kitchen/lounge. Double bedroom, house bathroom. Available

£360 PCM

# **TIPTON** Oak Close



A nicely presented one bedroom ground floor flat. Fitted kitchen with built in oven, double glazing, storage heat-ing. Parking to the front, No DSS, available now.

£ 375 PCM

# **TIPTON** Avern Close



A modern one bedroom first floor apartment. Having lounge/ diner, fit-ted breakfast kitchen with appliances. Allo-cated parking. Available end of June 2011. No housing benefits.

£425 PCM

# **DUDLEY** Kennedy Crescent



two floor nic having "nning ground sionette sionette having lounge with dinning area, fitted kitchen, garden to rear. Avail-able now

£475 PCM

# WEDNESBURY Goldby Drive



A modern two bedoom first floor apartment having lounge, kitchen/ lounge, kitchen/diner. Double glazing and storage heating Available June 2011.

£485 PCM

# **DUDLEY** Attingham Drive



A modern spacious two bedroom ground apart-ment. Having fitted kitchen/ diner, lounge, master bed-room with fitted wardrobes, house bathroom with shower. Allocated parking, available now

£525 PCM

# DUDLEY Parkes Hall Road



A modern three bed-room end terrace house. Having lounge/ diner, fit-ted kitchen and down-stairs cloakroom. Master bedroom with en-suite. Dss consiered with guar-

£625 PCM

# **DUDLEY** Cradley Road



A four bedroom de-tached house, double glazing and central heat-ing. Large lounge, fitted kitchen, open plan dinning room, downstairs w/c. Off road parking, available now.

£650 PCM

WALL HEATH

**ENVILLE ROAD** 

First Floor Flat, Lounge, Double Bedroom, Kitchen

Bathroom, Electric Heating. Double Glazing, Unfurnished

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Large Refurbished 3 Bed 3 Storey Semi. New Basement Kitchen/Diner. Two Reception Rooms. New Bathroom. New Carpets. GCH. UPVC. Driveway. Garden. Value.

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# New Street, Quarry Bank.



Modernised 2 Bed End Terrace, New Nodern Kitchen & Bathroom. New Flooring & Decor Throughout. Conservatory. Off Road Parking. GCH. UPVC. Value

# Himley Road, Lower Gornal,



A Spacious First Floor Two Bedroom Flat,Situated in a Convenient Location, Over Two Floors Fitted Kitchen, GCH, LIPVC Allocated Off Road Parking.

# FEATURE PROPERTY

# Firmstone Road, Wollaston,



A Modern, Two Bedroom End Terrace. Close to all Amenities, Convenient Location, Part Furnished, Modern Kitchen, Attractive Rear Garden Ample Driveway Parking, GCH.

£525 pcm

# Queen Street, Kingswinford



Spacious 3 Bed Semi. Large Lounge. Modern Kitchen. Bath & Shower. Garage & Driveway. GCH. UPVC.

# Moss Grove, Kingswinford



Superb & Unique 4 Bed Detached. Open Plan Dining, Day room, Lounge & Conservatory. American Diner Kitchen. Jacuzzi. 5 Car Garage, Call for full Details.

## Dennis Street. Amblecote



1 Bedroom Ground Floor Flat, Very Spacious, Large irouah Lounae Modern Fitted Kitchen Modern Fitted Kitchen New Bathroom with Bath and Shower, Double Bedroom, GCH. UPVc. Alarmed, Allocated Parking, Quiet Location.

£395 pcm

# New Street, Quarry Bank,



2 Bedroom End Terrace in quiet Courtyard location, close to all local menities, Large Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen LIPVc GCH ear Patio, Parking at the front Available Now.

# Moore Street, Brierley Hill



Spacious 1 Bed First Floor Flat. \_arge Lounge. Fitted Kitchen. Double Bedroom. Bath & Shower, GCH. UPVC. Parking.

£425 pcm

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£695 pcm



## **TIVIDALE** ASHTREE ROAD

Maisonette, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric heating, Communal Grounds, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished. Off Road Parking

£395 pcm



# COSELEY QUILTER CLOSE

Detached Property, Lounge, Dining En Suite, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage

£695 pcm



# NEW STREET

NEW SINEE! Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens

£650 pcm



# BRIERLEY HILL FOXDALE DRIVE

Cluster Style Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front Gardens, Allocated Parking



## KINGSWINFORD COTTAGE STREET

Cottage, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished





# Ground Floor Flat

Lounge/Bedroom, Kitchen, Bathroom, Electric Heating Unfurnished, No Pets, Communal Gardens £300 pcm

£460 pcm



## STOURBRIDGE BIRMINGHAM ROAD

BIRMINGHAM HOAD
Semi Detached Property,
Lounge, Dining Room,
Kitchen, Three Bedrooms,
Bathroom, Gas Central
Heating, Double Glazing, Front
& Rear Gardens,
Unfurnished, Off Road Parking

2650 pcm



# TIPPS STONE CLOSE

First Floor Flat, Lounge, Bathroom, Electric Heating Off Road Parking, Available Immediately, Unfurnished/Furnished

£400/£445 pcm



## GREAT BRIDGE EAGLE PLACE

Modern Apartment, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen,
One Bedroom, Bathroom,
Electric Heating,
Double Glazing, Off Road
Parking

£370 pcm



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FOXDALE DRIVE

Cluster Style Property,

Lounge, Kitchen,
Two Bedrooms,
Bathroom with Shower,
Double Glazing, Off Road
Parking,
Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished

£460 pcm







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# OLDBURY REGENT COURT

Modern Apartment. Lounge kitchen/diner, two bedrooms, bathroom, en suite to master, store room, gas central heating. No pets.

£495 pcm



# HALESOWEN BLAGDON ROAD

Ground Floor Flat, Large Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Single Garage Available Immediately



# KINGSWINFORD

RAGEES ROAD



Purpose Built Studio Style Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom Area, Shower Room, Unfurnished Communal Gardens, Off Road Parking Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Available Immediately



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£495 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL DADFORD VIEW

Cluster Style Property Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front &Side Garden, Allocated Parking, Double Glazing, DSS Considered

£460 pcm



BROCKMOOR HIGH STREET

Terrace Property,
Lounge, Kitchen/Diner,
Utility Room, Three Bedrooms,
Bathroom, Gas Central Heating,
Double Glazing, Carpets &
Curtains,
Unfurnished, Rear Garden

£495 pcm



## DUDLEY STOURBRIDGE ROAD

Terrace property. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, carpets & curtains, rear garden. Unfurnished.

£510 pcm



**TIPTON** 

ANITA AVENUE ANTIA AVENUE
Ground Floor Flat, Lounge,
Kitchen, One Bedroom,
Bathroom with Shower,
Electric Heating, Double
Glazing, Carpets & Curtains,
Unfurnished, Maintained
Grounds

£350 pcn



## ROWLEY REGIS STUART ROAD

Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Front & Rear Gardens

£585 pcm



# BOURNE STREET

Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Carpets & Curtains, Maintained Gardens, Allocated Parking,

£425 pcm



AMBLECOTE PARK STREET

Builders Yard or Similar, Enclosed Secure Gate, Approx 3000 sq ft

£450 pcm



KINGSWINFORD LABURNUM ROAD

Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Partly Furnished, Communal Grounds



# Wakemar



87 COT LANE

£264 950

# KINGSWINFORD

- Lounge, dining room, cloakroom
- · Re-fitted kitchen, utility room Spacious re-fitted bathroom
- · Central heating & double glazing



114 MOUNT PLEASANT

## KINGSWINFORD tended traditional semi-detached house

- Through lounge/dining area, re-fitted kitchen
- Garage, driveway, long rear garden
- Central heating & double glazing



80 ENVILLE ROAD

WALL HEATH

- THE EDGE OF GREEN BELT COUNTRYSIDE
- A 4 bedroom mid terraced house
   Lounge, dining room, cloakroom
- Re-fitted kitchen, shower room
- Central heating & double glazing (wh. stated)
   Newly fitted carpets and blinds



1 BLAZE PARK

- Garage, block paved driveway, rear garden
- Central heating & part double glazing



55 BURROWS ROAD

# KINGSWINFORD • A 3 bedroom semi-detached

- kitchen, lounge with dining area
- . bathroom, front and rear gardens · Garage and parking at rear
- Central heating & part double glazing



62 MAIDENSBRIDGE BOAD

# WALL HEATH

- W.C., lounge, separate dining room
- · Breakfast kitchen, utility room

24 FERNHURST DRIVE

A 4 bedroom detached home

Lounge, dining room, kitchen

En-suite shower room, family bathroom

62 BALMORAL ROAD, ASHWOOD PARK, WORDSLEY

3 bedroom semi detached house

Popular Ashwood Park location

Lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen

Central heating & double glazing

Bathroom, pleasant garden, garage

· Garage, rear gardens, central heating

PENSNETT

- Bathroom, W.C., tarmacadam driveway
- · Garage, central heating & double glazing



83 KINGSLEY ROAD, KINGSWINFORD

- A 3 bedroom semi-detached property
- Entrance porch, reception hall, kitchen
- Through lounge/dining area, conservatory

KINGSWINFORD

Spacious lounge, dining room, cloakroom

Central heating, double glazing & alarm

· Quiet cul-de-sac adjoining woods at rea



O/O £159,950

- Shower room, parking, rear garden
- Central heating, double glazing

49 PARKFIELD ROAD

STOURBRIDGE

Through lounge/dining area

Extended re-fitted breakfast kitchen

Double glazing, central heating

Re-fitted bathroom, garage with utility of



122 REACHCROFT ROAD

# WALL HEATH

- Through lounge/dining area
- · Re-fitted kitchen, conservatory, bathroom
- Large garage, driveway, rear gardens
- · Central heating & double glazing



1 FAIRFORD GARDENS

RECTORY FIELDS, WORDSLEY

- Cloakroom, through lounge/dining area
- · Kitchen, bathroom, brick built garage/store
- Gardens to front, side and rear
- Double glazing, warm air heating system



23 SANDRINGHAM ROAD

WORDSLEY

- . m semi-detached house
- . Lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen, utility
- Versatile room + shower room off Bathroom, large driveway, rear garden
- Central heating & double glazing



30 METFIELD CROFT

£150,000

£134.950

## KINGSWINFORD hed bungalow

- Lounge, kitchen, bathroom
- 4 bedrooms or 2 bed/sitting room/study
- Tandem garage, driveway, no upward chain
- Central heating, double glazing & alarm



# WALL HEATH

- Through lounge, cloakroom with shower
- Breakfast kitchen, en-suite, bathroom



**BRIERLEY HILL** 

301 ALBERMARLE ROAD

KINGSWINFORD

. Lounge, large conservatory, fitted kitchen

Utility, bedroom 4/study, driveway

Ground floor re-fitted bathroom

Central heating & double glazing

- . Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Re-fitted bathroom, garage
- Central heating & double glazing





- Well planned & appointed spacious apartment
- 2 double bedrooms, 2nd floor, security intercom
- Lounge with defined dining area and feature juliet balcony

£156,950

. En suite, bathroom, central heating, double glazing





33 WHITETHORNE ROAD

WORDSLEY A 2 bedroom semi-detached house

- Through Lounge/dining area, re-fitted kitchen
- Utility room, re-fitted bathroom, driveway
- Central heating & double glazing



- Lounge, re-fitted shower room, garage
- Central heating & double glazing

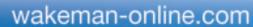


£139,950

# WORDSLEY

- Lounge/dining area, kitchen Utility, 2 bedrooms, bathroom
- Pleasant rear garden, ample parking
- Central heating & double glazing









# HILLSDENE, BROMLEY

- . Driveway, gardens at front & rear





KINGSWINFORD

• A 2 bedroom semi-detached

Re-fitted kitchen, utility /side lobby

· Driveway, front and rear gardens







85 LYDGATE ROAD

KINGSWINFORD

• Large reception hall/study area, inner hall

Re-fitted bathroom. 2 1st floor bedrooms.

· Spacious lounge/dining area, re-fitted kitchen

Shower room, central heating, double glazing



# **SWINSCOES**

## MILKING BANK



# ORIEL CLOSE

- Delightfully positioned 4 bed detached family home

- Improved and enhanced throughout
  Beautifully designed kitchen.
  Open plan dining room. ★ Conservatory
- Study (garage part converted)
  Excellent sized master bedroom and ensuite
  Modern bathroom with jacuzzi bath
  Block paved driveway , parking for 4 cars

COSELEY

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £25

# DUDLEY

THE BROADWAY

\* A traditional bay front semi-detached, enhanced throughout \* Extended to the rear , 24' lounge \* 2nd reception .\* Excellent sized dining kitchen

★ Three bedrooms two with fitted furniture

★ Garage with utility area.

★ Off road parking

★ Delightful rear gardens with sunny aspect

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950



## IVYHOUSE LANE

- beautifully presented link detached house
- Two reception rooms and conservatory Modern extended dining kitchen, utility
- area

  & Guest cloakroom \* Modern bathroom

  \* Four bedrooms, two with fitted furniture

  \* Block paved driveway,parking for 3/4 cars

  \* Garage. \* Private rear garden

  \* Viewing highly recommended

- OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £1

## COSELEY



## SEAGULL BAY DRIVE

- Immaculate 4 bed detached property Two formal reception rooms and
- conservatory
  Well equipped kitchen and seperate
  utility room
- utility room

  ★ En-suite to master bedroom and fitted
  house bathroom

  ★ Gas central heating and double glazing

  ★ Garage and off road parking

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £21



## THE ALLEY

- Attractively presented three bed detached Desirable location, close to village centre
- ★ Lounge, dining room, conservatory
  ★ Modern kitchen with integrated appliances
  ★ Good sized bedrooms all with fitted acous sized bedrooms all with fitted wardrobes

  ★ Fully tiled bathroom with seperate shower

  ★ Pleasant gardens to front,rear and side

  ★ Garage, carner and side
- Pleasant gardens to front, rear and side Garage, carport and block paved driveway

LOWER GORNAL

# FERS IN THE REGION OF £199,50



## HIGH PARK CRESCENT

- A traditional semi-detached full of charm and character
- charm and character

  \* Imposing full height hallway.

  \* Modern breakfast kitchen, open plan
  dining room

  \* Delightful lounge

  \* Three good sized bedrooms

  \* Garage and driveway parking

  \* No upward chain

COSELEY

PAGET CLOSE

★ An extremely well presented semi-detached in a quiet cul-de-sac location ★ Generous sized accommodation ★ Lounge, ktichen and conservatory ★ Three bedrooms, fiited wardobes in bedroom one

★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating ★ Block paved driveway and garage



## BIRD STREET

- A period character property on a corner plot
   Extensive grounds suitable for building plot
   \_ (subject to relevant consent)

- \* Two large receptions rooms

  \* Upgraded beakfast kitchen \* Cellar

  \* Utility and downstairs wet room

  \* Three bedrooms and upstairs bathroom

  \* Garage and driveway parking

  \* DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

## OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £1

# **ETTINGSHALL PARK**



- A beautifully presented 3 bedroom traditional semi
- ★ Enhanced by the current owners
- Third bedroom extended into loft space Two reception rooms

- ★ Kitchen ★ Conservatory
   ★ Modern bathroom (with separate shower cubicle)
   ★ Garage and delightful rear gardens.

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £172,500

# **GORNAL WOOD**



- A delightful cottage close to Gornal village

- Pleasant lourage crose to Gornal villag Pleasant lounge, seperate dining room Country style kitchen with utility room Large modern bathroom Two comfortable bedrooms, potential for en-suite
- en-suite

  ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating

  ★ Rear garden with sunny aspect

  ★ Block paved driveway

# OFFERS IN THE REG

# LOWER GORNAL



OAKLAND DRIVE

- Three bed semi, popular location close to
- Gornal

  ★ Excellent family living accommodation

  ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Through Lounge / dining room
- \*Upvc double glazing. ★ ghas central heating

  ★ Detached Garage ★ Block paved driveway

  ★ Good size low-maintenance rear garden

  ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,9

## **GORNAL WOOD**



- MANOR DRIVE
- r Delightfullly positioned bungalow close to Gornal village r Potential for extending or building plot subject to relevant consents
- subject to relevant consents

  \* Two bedrooms and bathroom

  \* Kitchen to the front

  \* Gas central heating, double glazing
  (majority)

  \* Garage with utility area

  \* Private rear garden
- OFFERS IN THE REG



- CROWSBRIDGE MEWS
- ★ Luxuriously appointed modern semi-
- detached

  \* Head of quiet cul-de-sac

  \* Stylish living room and dining room

  \* Kilchen and conservatory

  \* Three bedrooms, modern shower room

  \* Upvc double glazing & gas central
  heating

  \* Driveway and landscaped rear garden

# \*\* wouldn't style semi-rollabrieu , quier cui-de-sac location \*\* High standard of accommodation, \*\* without sold with style sextended living space into Garage \*\* Kitchen with dining area. \*\* Lounge and conservatory \*\* Three bedrooms, ensuite to master \*\* Garage converted to partial storage space \*\* Parking for several cars FERS IN THE REGION OF £157,

WINSCAR CROFT

Modern style semi-detached , quiet cul-



# HIGHFIELDS ROAD

- ★ A charming beautifully presented cottage ★ Large dining kitchen, Two reception rooms ★ Two bedrooms and shower room ★ Potential for loft conversion subject to
- ★ Gas central heating. ★Double glazing (majority)
- (majority)
  ★ Two rear workshops and storage room
  ★ Pleasant rear gardens, ★ Off road parking
  for two cars

## HURST HILL, COSELEY



- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

# WOODSETTON



- ROPER WAY

- ★ Open plan lounge and dining area ★ Kitchen , verandah with utility ★ Two bedrooms and bathroom ★ Open plan roungs and sufficient with utility
   ★ Kitchen , verandah with utility
   ★ Two bedrooms and bathroom
   ★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating
   ★ Pleasant rear garden
   ★ Allocated parking space

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124

**LOWER GORNAL** 

BROOKDALE

Substantial sized three bed semi

★ Substantial sized three bed semi \*Walking distance to Gornal village ★ Dining kitchen and lounge ★ UPVC double glazing ★ Gas central heating ★ South facing rear garden ★ Front garden & driveway ★ No Upward chain

# SEDGLEY



# TIPTON STREET

- A charming traditional three bedroom



- FINNEYWELL CLOSE
- Semi detached on a good sized plot Cul-de-sac location
- our-ue-sac location
  Lounge and dining kitchen
  Two bedrooms ★ Refurbished bathroom
  Upvc double glazing and gas central
  heating
- ing I maintained secluded rear garden ★ Well maintained secluded rear ga
   ★ Driveway parking
   ★ Any reasonable offer considered



# HORACE STREET

- \* A modern style end town house
  \* Beautifully presented throughout
  \* Open plan living room \* Breakfast
  kitchen
  \* Two double bedrooms
  \* Upvc double glazing and gas central
  heating
  \* Driveway parking
  \* Ideal first time purchase



- ROSEMARY CRESCENT
- Traditional style semi detached Two reception rooms Kitchen with verandah
- New central heating system Part double glazed
- Off road parking

# ★ Lots of potential



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# Volvo eco car crosses Europe on a single tank

in your motoring life without sparing a thought for fuel bills or the environment, then I'm secretly impressed.

There's nothing like the tide of public opinion to raise something to the top of

It wasn't that long ago that hardly anyone knew about carbon dioxide emissions, but these days it's more socially acceptable to banter about g/km than bhp.



Volvo isn't ashamed to admit it's been in the business of making family cars for decades now; it knows what works and what doesn't. Its long-deserved reputation for safety is ever-present, yet perhaps of greater interest now is an emphasis on creating cars that are good to look at and very economical too. An impossible combination maybe?

The new V60 DRIVe represents a serious attempt to fill all those roles. You should be familiar with the regular V60 by now: A slick, modern Volvo right down to its core and yet still able to yet still able to



boring stuff.
But the DRIVe model brings with it the ability to achieve some remarkably efficient figures. Try 62.8mpg and 119g/km for the V60, a fraction better for the S60 saloon.

V60, a fraction better for the S60 saloon. What's more, rather than the pie-in-the-sky figures that many seem to think the official statistics are, a little application makes them achievable.

To prove it, Volvo set the task of driving a new V60 DRIVe from its UK headquarters in Marlow to Mayrhofen in Austria on a single tank of fuel.

My geography is poor at the best of times, but I know that 840 miles without refuelling is no mean feat.

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It was worth the effort, though, as Volvo is the key sponsor of the Snowbombing Festival which combines winter sports with some top-drawer music acts. It seemed a long way away at the starting point, however. Even starting with the M25 couldn't diminish the V60's qualities. Despite not even being run in yet (and anyone will tell you that diesels in particular don't really set poing until they have more

anyone will tell you that diesels in particular don't really get going until they have more than 1,000 miles on them), the 1.6-litre diesel unit gave the kind of low-speed pul that we've come to expect, thanks to the 199lb/ft of torque available from just 1.750mm

There's a six-speed manual gearbox too, rather than the five speeds with which many eco-specials are lumbered.
The V60 rattled off the 100 miles to Folke-

The V60 rattled off the 100 miles to Folke-stone and the Channel Tunnel crossing with little effort, and once on the French side sticking to a steady 75mph was much easier. The cabin did a fine job of looking after its occupants too, with seats that are very sup-portive and comfortable.

occupants too, with seats that are very supportive and comfortable.

There's a healthy complement of equipment, too, as this is no stripped-out economy model.

Better still, if you go for the R-Design model innocent passers-by would mistake it for the hot model in the range.

R-Design gets you very attractive and large alloy wheels and a tasteful bodykit for sportiness – but not showiness – and sharper suspension.

Much as we'd like the more handsome version here, we were thankful for the softest suspension over broken French roads.

By the end of day one we were comfortably in excess of 60mpg, with 420 miles still to go and more than half a tank do it with.

Day two meant getting on with it. Not only did we have all those miles to cover, but there was the party at the end of it.

The temptation of derestricted autobahn through Germany was largely resisted, although we did up the pace a little as even in a comfortable and attractive cabin, the

ning to grate. We also began to make even more use of the impressive cabin space. As with any road trip the amount of accumulated detritus increases but the V60 swal-

lated detritus increases but the V60 swallowed it all quite happily.

The increased sense of urgency had also chipped away at our average economy, and so as we approached Mayrhofen we had to fully exploit the road-holding in order to avoid braking unless absolutely necessary—thankfully the V60 was faithful, benign and grippy, despite low-rolling resistance tyres. Remarkably, and despite the seemingly dubious end to the story, the V60 indicated zero fuel in the tank and zero range with 15 miles still go.

# Reserve

Holding our breath and everything else (particularly over the level crossing) it trundled happily up to the hotel without a single cough or splutter.

A total of 830 miles down, 56.4mpg on the

A total of 830 miles down, 56.4mpg on the trip computer.

It might not be the kind of thing that a family would undertake regularly, but the point was proven emphatically.

The V60 DRIVe demands very little in the way of compromise from its occupants, yet delivers pretty impressive fuel efficiency with a little in reserve – which proves that you don't have to sell your soul to save the

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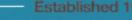




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DULL TIVE- and seven-seat versions of the NV200 Combi have been upgraded. Bluetooth connectivity is standard across the Combi range, while an SE+ variant adds Nissan Connect, cruise control and a driver adjustable speed limiter to its standard equipment. Nissan's light commercial vehicles sales and marketing director, Francis Bleasdale, said: "We've been delighted by the success of the NV200 which has proved that a new van can make a big impression in an established market if it offers the right mix of innovation, quality and value."





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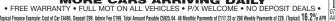
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# lthechronicle Battling Wolves still in the tie Laught

Lions are

given

mauling

Sandwell /3 Sheffield 9/ SHEFFIELD Stars found Sandwell Lions on one of their off days to take victory in this cycle speedway clash. But the Stars did not have things all their own

knees in a flurry or exactsions.

Jack Harrold went in heat 16, and the next race saw both Sandwell riders thrown out—Lewis Bates for moving at the tapes and Errol Thaw for ramming.

Lee Smith and Millward then suffered the same fate for tapes offences.

Sandwell: Matt Smith 13, Lee Smith 12, Lewis Bates 11, Errol Thaw 10, Jamie Ball 9, Jack Harrold 9, Scott Millward 6, David

A STERLING rearguard action from Wolves' middle and lower order has kept their Knockout Cup hopes

A 10-point defeat at the home of powerful Eastbourne on Sat-urday leaves everything to play for in the return on July 25.

Indeed, so delicately poised is the tie that Fredrik Lindgren fears the margin may be just too much, Peter Karlsson thinks it's

Eastbourne 50 Wolves 40 (KO Cup quarter-final first leg)

roller went unnoticed; he was almost wiped out by the eccen-tric and barely controlled progress of partner Lewis Bridger in the seventh race and trailed Ty Proctor in the eighth before it was stopped due to Simon Gustafsson's fall.

fears the margin may be just too, much Peter Karlsson thinks it's right in the balance and team tooss Peter Adams is confident bosse. Peter Adams is confident Wolves will win!

The visitors could have been even closer but for a startling display in the home reserve berth by Lukas Drynl, who dropped just one point in seven dropped just one point in seven rides. Drynl rode particularly to the most scruplous in the layer than the length rain break that preded the re-run. It gave the Eagles track staff plenty of time to with the elder Lindgren third wolves had edged their way back to within two points. But the too within two points and the proposed just one point in seven to the most scruplous in the 18th when Karson took well, albeit aided by several attention to grading and to owide a line out of the start.

preparing Dryml's inside starting gate while the Wolves lanes went curiously neglected. Dryml looked like going Rarlsson – the two did not meet might have had something to say about that. Instead, the Eagle's colours were lowered only by Ludvig were lowered only by Ludvig time the last race and duly got it when Karlsson raced Lindgren who showed total commitment on a sawdust-strewn surface to blast his way to the front on the first two bends of heat 10.

Tai Woffinden endured his customary hard time at Arlington and Wolves were grateful to home pair in the penultimate race.

At 10 points down, the visitors desperately needed at least torm when the same pairty in the last race and duly got it when Karlsson raced plunge up the inside to pass to the front on the first two bends of heat 10.

Proctor fired his way inside Bjarne Federsen. The Dane Imished in the fence and Lindgren was disqualified but he, like the rest of the team, may yet have plenty to say in the return.

Eastbourne: Lukas Dymi 17-3, Bjarne Pedersen 14-2, Lewis Bridger 10, Jonas Kylmakorpi 6, Simon Gustafsson 4+1, Timo Lahil 2.

култакогрі 6, Simon Gustafsson 4+1, Timo Lahti 2. **Wolves:** Peter Karlsson 12, Ricky Wells 6+3, Ludvig Lindgren 6+1, Ту Proctor 6, Fredrik Lindgren 5, Tai Woffinden 3, Tyson Burmeister 2.

# my rival, admits Lindgren

WOLVES star Fredrik Lindgren has admit-ted he made contact with Eastbourne's Bjarne Pedersen in their last-heat tussle

their last-heat tussle at Arlington.
Lindgren dived up the inside going into the last corner as he fought to drag back the home side's 10-point advantage, but sent the Dane sprawling. "It was one or the other. I had to go for it," he said. "He closed me twice on the outside when I came out of the corner.

when I came out of the corner.

"He did the same on the last lap and I decided to go on the inside instead. I did catch him a little bit, not too much."

# Range

Lindgren fears the 10point margin may prove
"a few too many" for the
second leg, but said: "Ten
points is a lot of points,
but it's possible if we
have a really good
evening in Wolverhampton."

However skipper Peter Karlsson, who won that final race, said: "We are within striking range, I think.

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"We wouldn't like to have it any more, for certain, and possibly a bit less!

"But a good start to the most in the control of the certain and possibly a bit less!

meeting at home and we'll be going, I think. "I'm pleased to win the last one and my guess is

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last one and my guess is that it was pretty important."

Team boss Peter Adams anticipates overall victory: "I thought we looked a lot more at it, a lot more workmanlike. More togetherness.

The had a bit of a session with the lads and I thought we looked a lot more like the team of old.

"It's a hard place to come, especially when you've got a reserve scoring paid 20 points.
"But I think we can be encouraged by the performance and I'm quite confident that we can vecturn this at Monmore,"

Wolves' home match against Peterborough on

against Peterborough or Monday was rained off.

# Chris is ready to be his country's alpha Male Punching postman Chris Male says he is ready for the best of British after extending his unbeaten record in Wigan.

have things all their own way.

Sandwell led 11-9 after two races but Scott Millward's exclusion for moving at the tapes saw them trail after the third, never to regain the lead.

They were only six down at the interval and gradually closed the gap to two.

But the Stars slowly pulled away and the last three heats saw the Lions brought to their knees in a flurry of exclusions. Male was punch perfect in his victory over Dougie Curran as his opponent retired after the third of the scheduled six rounds in their

opponent reureu auch and a state and the Cradley fighter hopes his 11th straight win will now lead to a deal with Ricky Hatton's promotional company. Hatton promoted the Wigan show and Male feels he can bring belts to The Hitman's stable.

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and want the chance to prove it," said the 28-year-old. Horton saves

"I'm getting stronger with every fight and will fight anybody out there," he added.

ne added.

"The better the opponent, the better I will

box."

Male has been paired with unbeaten Joe Murray for the vacant English belt and the Mancunian was also in action on the bill at Wigan.



Chris Male, left, lands a blow against Dougie Curran

# SIX Stourbridge Swimming Club representatives made their way to Coventry for the top annual competition in the Midlands – and Brittany Horton came back with gold. The competition is spread over two weekends with age group championships for the best the Midlands has to offer. Stourbridge's qualifiers were Horton, Emily Bennett, Aaron Costigan, Adam Horton, Tom McCallum and Sam Matthews. Adam Horton was top of the qualifiers list with no fewer than seven swims, a fine achievement. Matthus Very to the vacant underlying held in the second of the posted a points win over Scot James Ancliff light him or anyone else." Adam Horton was top of the qualifiers list with no fewer than seven swims, a fine achievement. Matthus Very to the vacant underlying held in over two weekends with a me so over Scot James Ancliff light him or anyone else." Johnson afterwards to make the fight. Punches Male has had back-to-back inside the distance with a down and 200m breaststroke. But Brittany Horton, He posted a points win over Scot James Ancliff light him or anyone else." Johnson afterwards to make the fight. Punches Male has had back-to-back inside the distance with a down and 200m breaststroke. But Brittany Horton, He posted a points win over Scot James Ancliff light him or anyone else." Johnson afterwards to make the fight. Punches Mate He posted a points win over Scot James Ancliff light him or anyone else." Johnson afterwards to make the fight. Punches Mate Hansel m John the Mancunian was also in an addition on the bill at Wigan. Tournament set for charity kick-off



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favourite two, the 100m and 200m breaststroke. But Brittany Horton, having just missed a medal when fourth in the 200m backstroke, took to the water in the last event of the day for her favoured 100m backstroke. She was ranked fourth but blew away the competition to take gold, smashing her personal best time in the process. Apart from the individual qualifiers the girls. Two weeks earlier,

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Impressive

The team of Brittany Horton, Lucy Furnell, Alimee Sanders and Chole Lowe beat their entry time by over a second and defeated Worcestershire rivish City of Hereford by an impressive 11 seconds with Horton and Lowe both recording new personal bests.

Junior head coach Becky Sinkins said: This has been an absolutely fantastic four days of competition.

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The relay team were awesome, there were awesome, there were awesome, there were awesome, there were always of competition.

The club is looking for new members. Call head coach Stew Nicklin on 07834 689178.

And Male's razor-sked fourth but be second and third as he continued to boss the light.

# Terry on New grandstand raises roof for best on £12m stadium revamp drive yet



The shape of things to come - the new running track and grandstand

A £12.2MILLION upgrade has almost been completed at Birm-ingham's Alexander Stadium that will see the venue become one of Britain's principal athletics

venues.

As well as the creation of a new stand facilities at the venue have been updated in time for a major competition at the venue next month.

In just over two weeks' time the stadium on Walsall Road will host the Diamond League, with a star studded line-up of athletes competing in the ninth stop of the premier global series.

Around 250 athletes will descend on the stadium on Sunday, July 10 for four hours of competition.

mew running track and grandstand
This is followed by the UK championships later this year and then in 2012 the venue will host the USA track and field team who will spend the five weeks leading up to the London 2012 Olympics training there.
Stadium manager Kevin Levack said: "We knew if we wanted to get the lig competitions here we would have to upgrade some of the facilities and one of the main things we had to do was increase the capacity."
Stadium besses were given approval by Birmingham City Council to start work on the project in September.
A new 5,000 seater grandstand that has been built at the stadium, lifting overall capacity from 8,000 people to 13,000.

# Dudley hit by late fall

A FINAL bend fall for Kyle Newman dashed Dudley's hopes of National League pairs glory at Newport.

Newman and Jon Armstrong looked set to qualify for the final on Saturday night when they led their group by two points with just one heat remaining.

But against Mildenhall both Heathens missed the gate and Newman – unbeaten in his first three rides – came to grief on the final corner.

That opened the door

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That opened the door for Stoke's Simon Lambert and Tim Webster, who went on to top the group and edge out the home pairing of Todd Kurtz and Jay Herne in the final.
Meanwhile, Dudley's Tom Perry notched seven points in the European under-19 semi-final in Krosno, Poland, on Saturday.

# **SPORT**

# Nine-wicket win as Waterfront open lead

WATERFRONT took a clear lead at the top of the Wilden Cricket League's Premier Division.

They restricted previously unbeaten Pedmore to 105-6 and polished off the runs with nine wickets to spare in the Wilden Industrial Estates-sponsored competition.

The only other Premier Division 4 44 and Ben Dudley (14 not out) at a dark and Ben Dudley (14 not out) and the weather launching one over the ropes for the winning runs.

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They nad been trying to better the winning runs.

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And it was Three Crowns who triumphed by 73 runs with excellent bowling figures returned by and Liam Colley smashing three sixes in his Fidoe (4-13).

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# Himley hold on to take a draw

HIMLEY'S Birmng-ham League title chances were hit when they suffered a losing draw to leaders Barnt Green in the top-of-

Green in the top-of-the-table clash.

Batting first in a match reduced to 53 overs, Barnt Green went to 200-6 thanks in part to Dougie Brown (54) before a further rain break reduced Himley's reply to 45 overs.

117-2 after openers Jack Manuel and Paul Baker scored 42 each.

# Sparked

Sparked
But Joe Leach's
bowling, which included
a spell of five wickets in
17 balls, sparked a collapse to 154-9.
Smethwick had to
settle for a losing draw
despite having 56 overs
to chase down 207
against Knowle & Dorridge as Aurrol Kirnon
picked up 4-53.
Mo Sheikh's unbeaten
109 took Smethwick

Mo Sheikh's unbeaten 109 took Smethwick close but the hosts were restricted to 189-8. West Bromwich Dart-mouth thrashed Moseley by nine wickets. Aatif Ali (3-21), Imran Khan (2-19) and Jeet Raval (2-6) were among the wickets as Moseley collapsed to 106 all out. Unbeaten knocks from

collapsed to 100 all out.
Unbeaten knocks from
Kiwi Raval (47) and
Rawlston Tappin (50)
secured an easy success.
Wolverhampton suffered a five-wicket defeat
to Wellington despite
Aneesh Kapil's 113.

# Claimed

Neil Pinner claimed 6-48 as Kidderminster defeated Leamington Spa (167-8) by eight wickets. An unbeaten 107 from Craig Wood and Andrew Kimberlin's 34 saw Kidder home

Kidder home.
In Division One, Old Hill gained 14 points in their rain-hit clash with Evesham.
The Black Country side reached 251-4 thanks to unbeaten innings from Mark Fisher (77) and Nigel

innings from Mark Fisher (77) and Nigel Davenport (61).

Evesham progressed to 84-1 before the weather intervened.

# WEATHER WINS,

Green in the top-of-the-table clash.

Batting first in a match reduced to 53 overs, Barnt Green went to 200-6 thanks in part to Dougie Brown (54) before a further rain break reduced Hill (14) before a further rain break reduced Hill miley's reply to 45 overs.

They were in trouble but clung on at 138-9.

Walsall were another match reduced to 53 overs, Shrewsbury.

In another match reduced to 53 overs, Shrewsbury went on to post 239-8.

Walsall were 58-1 and 117-2 after openers Jack Manual and Paul Baker Manual and Paul Bak

# Old Hill (15pts) 251-5, Stratford (6pts) 177-8. Draw

with a winning draw.
Old Hill (15pts) 251-5,
Stratford (6pts) 177-8,
Draw

The seconds' game at Haden Hill against Stratford was also hit by the weather.
Having been put in to bat by the visitors, Old Hill's reply was Hill flours it difficult to score quickly but openers Reece Shivock (14) and Jared Daniels (27) set the scene for a brilliam (43 not out), thy effort revised target and had to set to for a brilliam third-wicket partnership of 148 runs between Chris Round (75) and centurion Connor Smit (105) as the hosts posted 251-5 off their allotted 49 overs.
Due to the earlier rain showers, Stratford's in showers, Stratford's a much improved promance day overs with a revised target of 221 to obtain a winning draw.
However, excellent bowling by Old Hill's young attack reduced the visitors to 153-8 in the 37th over.

But they were unable to dislodge the ninth wicket pair and had to stettle for a winning draw as time ran out.

Having invited the visitors to 154-8 in the 37th over.

Thanks to good brilling to the visitors to 164 runs by the 25th over.

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Hill thirds restricted to a losing draw.
Having won the toss, they asked Bromsgrove to bat first and the opposition scored 186-8 from their 50 overs with young George Derham taking 6-48 from his 17 overs in another rain-affected game.

# home to victory and a welcome 20 point haul. Springvale (0pts) 212-8, Old Hill (10pts) 216-1. Old Hill won by

# Youngsters off to Twickenham



The Greenfield tag rugby team at Tally Ho! police headquarters

The Greenfield tag rugby team at Tally Ho! police headquarters

PUPILS from Greenfield Primary
school in Stourbridge are set for a Support Officer Renato Di
dream day at rugby union HQ,
Twickenham.

They finished second in the
regional tag rugby competition at
West Mildlands Police training
centre, Tally Ho!
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nine to 11, competed against 11
other young teams across the
region.

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# Collapse helps leaders Stour

Droitwich Spa (1pt) 66, Stourbridge (20pts) 67-3. Stourbridge won by

seven wickets STOURBRIDGE crushed Droitwich crushed Droitwich Spa after Stour skipper Richard Bradley made the best use of his good fortune

in winning the toss.

He put the opposition
in on a track that promised help for bowlers.

The rewards were rich as Droitwich collapsed to 66 all out in the 32nd over, writes Harilal Patel. Droitwich fought back

with three quick wickets but were unable to stop Stour banking another

Stour banking another 20 points to remain top of the Worcester league. Under heavy cloud cover Stour opening pair James Musk and 19-year-old Jitesh Patel between them bowled 14 overs for 13 runs for three wickets.

# Knock

Top scorer was Mike Rogers with 18 while Dave Jones was again in the wickets, finishing with 3-27.

with 3-27. Stour were in difficulties at 25-3 but a skipper's knock of 22 by Bradley and a spritely 24 from Audy Alexander stopped the rot. Bradley got his team home with a six off Jake Young in the 13th over.

Stourbridge (17pts) 188, Droitwich Spa (4pts) 104-9. Draw

Stourbridge seconds took a wining draw with skipper Feraz Irfan spin-ning his way to 4-27 and teenager Ben Mantom masterminding a hand-some 68 on his home pitch.

Asked to bat first, Stour went on to an unlikely score of 188 in the 49th over.

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Droitwich started well but lost their way and eventually crawled to a total of 104-9.

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# Only two teams to win remain locked at the top

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